

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE DRH10626-RW-23 (03/10)

Short Title: Annexation/Restrict Use of Land Bridges. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Brown.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF NARROW LAND BRIDGES IN INVOLUNTARY
3 ANNEXATIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-36(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) The total area to be annexed must meet the following standards:

7 (1) It must be adjacent or contiguous to the municipality's boundaries at the time
8 the annexation proceeding is begun, except if the entire territory of a county
9 water and sewer district created under G.S. 162A-86(b1) is being annexed,
10 the annexation shall also include any noncontiguous pieces of the district as
11 long as the part of the district with the greatest land area is adjacent or
12 contiguous to the municipality's boundaries at the time the annexation
13 proceeding is begun.

14 (2) At least one eighth of the aggregate external boundaries of the area must
15 coincide with the municipal boundary. A land bridge consisting solely of
16 vacant land, a street or highway corridor, a lake, a stream bed, or any area
17 not occupied by a business or residence shall not be used to establish
18 contiguity to an outlying, noncontiguous area.

19 (3) No part of the area shall be included within the boundary of another
20 incorporated municipality."

21 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-48(b) reads as rewritten:

22 "(b) The total area to be annexed must meet the following standards:

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24 the annexation proceeding is begun, except if the entire territory of a county
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2 incorporated municipality."
3 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.