

March 1, 2005

H 399. UNIFIED GOVERNMENT. TO ALLOW COUNTIES WITH NO INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES TO EXERCISE MOST MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS. Enacts new Article 24 of GS Ch. 153A to authorize a county with no incorporated municipality to submit to the voters the question of whether the county should be vested with all the powers, duties, rights, and obligations of a city. If the question is approved by the voters, the county is so vested. The board of county commissioners may exclude specific functions from those vested by the Article.

Intro. by Owens.

Ref. to Local Government

GS 153A

March 16, 2005

H 399. UNIFIED GOVERNMENT. Intro. 3/1/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Provides that Article 4A, extension of corporate limits, and Article 13, law enforcement, of GS Chapter 160A, do not apply to county exercising authority of a city. Specifies that if a board of county comm'rs exercises a power authorized under both GS Chapter 153A and 160A and those statutes conflict, the board must state in the minutes under which Chapter the power is being exercised. Amends GS 120-166 and 120-169, which set out criteria on which Joint Legislative Comm'n on Municipal Incorporations may not recommend incorporation, to define "municipality" to include a county that has exercised its authority to carry out functions and powers of a municipality.

April 21, 2005

H 399. UNIFIED GOVERNMENT. Intro. 3/1/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds proposed GS 153A-471(b)(6) to provide that bona-fide farms are exempt from zoning throughout the county.

May 18, 2005

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