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H 261. ETJ VOTING. Filed 2/19/07. *TO ALLOW RESIDENTS OF AREAS IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING JURISDICTION OF A MUNICIPALITY TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.* Amends GS 160A-360(a) (delineating the boundaries of a city's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction) as title indicates. Also directs that if the officers are elected by district, qualified voters residing in extraterritorial areas are to be allocated by district. Rewrites GS 163-282 to specify that for purposes of eligibility to vote in municipal elections, any person who resides in an area over which the municipality has extraterritorial jurisdiction under GS 160A-360(a) or by local act is a resident of the municipality, and eligible to vote only in elections for city officers and not in other types of elections. Additionally specifies that if an extraterritorial area is annexed by a municipality, its residents that are qualified voters may thereafter vote in all municipal elections. Amends the following as indicated when there is extraterritorial planning jurisdiction (ETJ) under GS 160A-360(a) or by local act: (1) GS 163-288.1(a) to provide that upon exercising ETJ, a city or district must prepare a map of area added for use by the board of elections in determining voter eligibility; and (2) GS 163-288.2(a) (registration in area proposed for incorporation or annexed) directing that when there is ETJ, the board of elections in the county in which the extraterritorial area is located is to determine those individuals eligible to vote on the question of incorporation or annexation, using at its discretion one of two methods set out in the section. Act applies to elections occurring on or after September 1, 2007.

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