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H 378. ANNEXATION/ETJ RESIDENTS VOTE. Filed 2/23/07. *REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR QUALIFIED VOTERS WITHIN AREAS TO BE ANNEXED OR AREAS OVER WHICH A MUNICIPALITY INTENDS TO EXERCISE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S GOVERNING BODY.* Amends GS 160A-37(e)(4), 160A-49(e)(4), and 160A-360(a) as title indicates. Provides in GS 163-282 that persons who are residents of an area annexed or over which city has expressed its intent to exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction are eligible to vote in municipal elections. Amends GS 163-288.1 to provide that once a city intends to annex territory or add any new territory to its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction, the city must prepare a map of the area for use by the board of elections in determining voter eligibility. Amends GS 163-288.2 to require that the county board of elections register voters using one of two methods in any area that a city intends to annex or add to its extraterritorial planning jurisdiction. Applies to annexations and extensions of extraterritorial jurisdiction that occur on or after the act becomes law and to those begun before that time that do not become effective until October 1, 2007.

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