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H 379. INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION CHANGES. Filed 2/23/07. AMENDING THE INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION STATUTES TO REQUIRE THAT AREAS ANNEXED MUST BE CONTIGUOUS TO AREAS OF EQUAL SIZE OR GREATER AND DEVELOPED FOR URBAN PURPOSES. Amends GS 160A-36 and GS 160A-48 to provide that an area to be annexed must be contiguous to an area within the municipality's boundaries that is of equal size or greater and has been developed for urban purposes at the time the annexation proceeding is begun. Effective when it becomes law and applies to all annexations, including those that have commenced

when the act becomes law but do not become effective until on or after January 1, 2008. **Intro. by Faison, Brown, Boylan.** GS 160A