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H 86. BUNCOMBE ANNEXATION REFERENDUM. Filed 2/6/07. *TO PROVIDE IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY FOR REFERENDA ON ANNEXATIONS IF REQUESTED BY RESIDENTS OF THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED, AND TO GENERALLY PROHIBIT SUBDIVISIONS FROM BEING DIVIDED DURING AN INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION.* Amends GS 160A-37 (concerning annexation by cities with a population of less than 5,000) and GS 160A-49 (concerning annexation by cities with a population of 5,000 or more) prohibiting annexation if 20% of the registered voters in the proposed annexation area present the city a petition in opposition to the annexation at the public hearing. If this happens, the annexation is allowed only if it is approved in a referendum. Requires the election to determine whether the area in question will be annexed to take place 100 days after the board of election receives the order from the city council. Sets requirements for the resolution of the board of elections concerning the election, voter registration, and election costs. Amends GS 160A-36 and GS 160A-48 to prohibit subdivisions from being divided by an annexation. Applies to Buncombe County only.

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