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H 193. ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS. Filed 2/17/09. *TO ALLOW ALL CITIES AND COUNTIES TO GIVE ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.*

Amends Sections 1 and 2 of SL 2007-86 (Wake county towns electronic notices), as amended, and Sections 1 and 2 of SL 2003-81 (Cabarrus electronic notices) to authorize *all* cities and counties (was, the towns of Apex, Cary, Garner, and Knightdale, and the county of Cabarrus only) to adopt ordinances allowing the publication of notices of public hearings through electronic means, *in substitution for other published notice*. Provides that if the city or county operates a cable access channel, then notice must also be made on that channel. Provides that publication through electronic means satisfies any newspaper publication requirement for a public hearing provided by law and any requirement where the method of publication is not specified. Removes references to towns.

Requires that the Revisor of Statutes codify Section 1 of SL 2007-86, as rewritten, as GS 160A-81.2, to be entitled "Electronic Notice of Public Hearings." Repeals SL 2003-161 (authorizing the city of Raleigh and the Town of Lake Waccamaw to use electronic notice) but provides that any ordinances adopted under that act remain valid until amended or repealed under GS 160A-81.2.

Requires that the Revisor of Statutes codify Section 1 of SL 2003-81, as rewritten, as GS 153A-52.2, to be entitled "Electronic Notice of Public Hearings."

Makes a conforming change to GS 159-1 (The Local Government Finance Act).

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