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**H 2033. ZONING/DURHAM COUNTY PROTEST PETITIONS.** Filed 5/25/10. *ADOPTING A PROTEST PETITION REQUIREMENT FOR DURHAM COUNTY.*

Mandates that zoning map amendments in Durham County that are the subject of *qualified protests* may not become effective unless three-quarters of the members of the Board of County Commissioners vote in favor of the amendment. Defines *qualified protest* as a written petition signed by the owners of either (1) at least 20% of the area affected by the amendment or (2) at least 5% of a 100-foot buffer area extending along the entire boundary of each separate area that is to be rezoned. The petition must be submitted at least four business days before the scheduled public hearing on the proposed amendment. The bill's requirements do not apply to an amendment to a special use district, a conditional use district, or a conditional district if the amendment does not change the type of uses permitted, increase the density of residential development, increase the size of nonresidential development, or decrease the size of buffers or screenings for such a district.

**Intro. by Hall.**

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