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HOUSE BILL DRH40689-LM-156

Short Title: City of Wilson Communications Service. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Cooper-Suggs.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SERVICE AREA IN WHICH THE CITY OF WILSON
3 MAY PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE INCLUDES ANY PROPERTY THAT
4 IS LOCATED WITHIN BOTH WILSON COUNTY AND AN ADJACENT COUNTY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-340.2 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 160A-340.2. Exemptions.

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9 (c) The provisions of G.S. 160A-340.1, 160A-340.3, 160A-340.4, 160A-340.5, and
10 160A-340.6 do not apply to a city or joint agency providing communications service as of
11 January 1, 2011, provided the city or joint agency limits the provision of communications service
12 to any one or more of the following:

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14 (3) The following service areas:

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16 c. For the city of Wilson, the service area is the county limits of Wilson
17 County, including the incorporated areas within the County. For
18 purposes of this sub-subdivision, the county limits of Wilson County
19 include the entirety of any property that is within the jurisdictional
20 limits of both Wilson County and an adjacent county. Notwithstanding
21 any other provision of this Article, the city of Wilson may continue the
22 provision of communication services to persons and businesses in the
23 temporary extension areas under the condition that the provision of
24 communication services in such areas is terminated by a date which is
25 30 days after the date retail service is first available in the area from a
26 competitive provider of communications service that will provide
27 Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) service. For purposes of this subdivision,
28 "temporary extension areas" shall mean (i) the corporate limits of the
29 Town of Pinetops and (ii) any service connection located within 800
30 feet of the centerline of Christian Road (State Road No. 1942) between
31 its intersection with Bloomery Road (State Road No. 1996) and West
32 Hornes Church Road (State Road No. 1941). Prior to the cessation of
33 service, the city of Wilson may establish rates, fees, charges, and
34 penalties for the communication services provided in the temporary
35 extension areas in the same manner as communication services
36 provided in the county limits of Wilson County, including the



1 incorporated areas within the County. Service will be deemed
2 available for purposes of this provision upon the certification by a
3 competitive provider to the city that service is available in a temporary
4 extension area. For purposes of this subdivision, a competitive
5 provider is an incumbent local exchange carrier or cable
6 telecommunications company that is not presently providing Fiber to
7 the Premises (FTTP) service in the temporary extension areas.

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9 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.