

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**HOUSE BILL 438  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H438-PCS40506-STxr-44**

Short Title: Franklin/Granville Recognized Common Boundary. (Local)

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Referred to:

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March 23, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND  
3 GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON  
4 BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES  
5 ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The legal boundary line between Franklin County and Granville  
8 County shall be as depicted by the Census Redistricting Data P.L. 94-171 TIGER/Line Shapefiles  
9 associated with the 2020 federal decennial census, which is consistent with the boundary line  
10 used by the counties and reflected in the counties' geographic information systems maps.

11 **SECTION 2.** Any completed county boundary survey delivered by the North  
12 Carolina Geodetic Survey in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes  
13 in 2023 or 2024 that is not consistent with Section 1 of this act shall not be binding upon Franklin  
14 and Granville Counties and shall not be used by Franklin or Granville County as a common  
15 boundary between the counties.

16 **SECTION 3.(a)** On and after the effective date of this act, all papers, documents,  
17 and instruments required or permitted to be filed or registered related to residents or property  
18 shall be filed in the county in which the property is located pursuant to the boundary described  
19 in this act despite the fact that papers, documents, and instruments required or permitted to be  
20 filed or registered with respect to such residents or property may have been previously recorded  
21 in the other county.

22 **SECTION 3.(b)** All public records related to residents and property located in areas  
23 affected by the establishment of the boundary line that were filed or recorded prior to the effective  
24 date of this act in the adjoining county shall remain in the respective adjoining county where filed  
25 or recorded, and such records shall be valid public records as to the property and persons  
26 involved, even though they are recorded in an adjoining county where the property is not located  
27 as evidenced by the boundary described in this act.

28 **SECTION 4.** Franklin County, Granville County, the elected and appointed officials  
29 of Franklin and Granville Counties, and employees of Franklin County and Granville County  
30 shall not incur any liability under any local or general law, ordinance, rule, or regulation for any  
31 act or failure to act relating to taxation, school attendance, land use controls, elections, or any  
32 other governmental function as it relates to the currently used boundary line between Franklin  
33 County and Granville County.

34 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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