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SENATE BILL 876
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S876-PCS45568-CW-22

Short Title: Rowan County Local Modifications. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 29, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1 AND TO ALLOW ROWAN COUNTY TO APPLY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THE RELINQUISHED EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 153A-27.1(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Avery, Beaufort, Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Guilford, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Moore, Onslow, Pender, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Transylvania, and Yancey."

SECTION 1.(b) This section applies to Rowan County only.

SECTION 1.(c) This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to vacancies filled on or after that date.

SECTION 2.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 160D-601(d), Rowan County may apply development regulations to the area of the City of Kannapolis' relinquished extraterritorial jurisdiction located in Rowan County.

SECTION 2.(b) Notwithstanding G.S. 160D-202(h), the City of Kannapolis' development regulations and powers of enforcement shall remain in effect in the area of the relinquished extraterritorial jurisdiction until (i) Rowan County adopts development regulations in the area or (ii) a period of 90 days has elapsed following the effective date of the relinquishment of the extraterritorial jurisdiction, whichever is sooner. Prior to the transfer of jurisdiction, Rowan County may hold hearings and take other measures consistent with G.S. 160D-204 that may be required in order to adopt and apply its development regulations for the area at the same time it assumes jurisdiction.

SECTION 2.(c) This section is effective when it becomes law and expires after a period of 90 days has elapsed following the effective date of the relinquishment of the City of Kannapolis' extraterritorial jurisdiction located in Rowan County.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.