

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 158**

Short Title: Rowan Annexation Moratorium. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Coates and Steen (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, if favorable, Local Government II.

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February 16, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADOPT A MORATORIUM ON INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS BY  
2 MUNICIPALITIES IN ROWAN COUNTY.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** No resolution of consideration, resolution of intent, or annexation  
6 ordinance may be adopted under Part 2 or 3 of Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General  
7 Statutes from the date this act becomes law until June 30, 2010. If any annexation proceeding  
8 has been initiated under those Parts prior to the date this act becomes effective but the  
9 annexation ordinance has not yet been adopted, any provision of law requiring any action or  
10 notice by the municipality or any person within a certain period of time is tolled during the  
11 suspension of authority provided by this section.

12 **SECTION 2.** An annexation ordinance adopted under Part 2 or 3 of Article 4A of  
13 Chapter 160A of the General Statutes that has an effective date on or after the day this act  
14 becomes law shall not become effective until after June 30, 2010, unless the municipality by  
15 ordinance adopts a new effective date later than June 30, 2010, for the annexation ordinance.  
16 An annexation ordinance that was adopted under Part 2 or 3 of Article 4A of Chapter 160A of  
17 the General Statutes prior to the effective date of this act and is the subject of litigation in any  
18 court on the effective date of this act shall not become effective until after June 30, 2010,  
19 unless the municipality by ordinance adopts a new effective date later than June 30, 2010, for  
20 the annexation ordinance.

21 **SECTION 3.** If any municipality has adopted its budget ordinance for the  
22 2009-2010 fiscal year prior to the date this act becomes effective and the total amount of  
23 assessed valuation estimated in that budget ordinance has been reduced because of this act, the  
24 municipality may amend the budget ordinance to account for this act, including establishment  
25 of a different tax rate.

26 **SECTION 4.** This act applies only to municipalities located wholly or partly in  
27 Rowan County.

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

