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SENATE BILL 5

Short Title: Mecklenburg/Police Countywide Jurisdiction. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Tarte and J. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

January 26, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT GRANTING COUNTYWIDE JURISDICTION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS
OF THE TOWNS OF CORNELIUS, DAVIDSON, HUNTERSVILLE, MATTHEWS, MINT
HILL, AND PINEVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 1170 of the 1969 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"**Section 1.** Upon approval of the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg ~~County~~ County, all ~~police~~ police officers of the City of Charlotte and the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville shall thereafter be authorized and empowered to exercise throughout the unincorporated areas of the County of Mecklenburg ~~Mecklenburg~~, as designated by the Board of Commissioners, the same jurisdiction, authority, powers and rights, including arrest and service of criminal ~~and civil~~ process, which they are authorized by law to exercise within ~~the City of Charlotte, the corporate boundaries of their own municipality~~, and shall have the privileges and immunities, including coverage under Workmen's Compensation laws, which they now ~~have within the City of Charlotte~~, have, provided that the ~~City of Charlotte municipality~~ and Mecklenburg County shall, prior to the exercise of any of ~~said~~ the powers or authority, enter into an agreement setting forth the guidelines and procedures for implementation of this ~~Act~~ act. The Board of Commissioners shall not approve the exercise of powers or authority by a municipality's police officers in an unincorporated area of Mecklenburg County if the area is in another municipality's extraterritorial planning jurisdiction, unless the governing body of the other municipality consents in writing. However, nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit the authority granted to the police officers of the City of Charlotte by the Board of Commissioners to exercise powers or authority over an unincorporated area of the County on or before the date this act becomes effective. Nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County from exercising the powers and authority of the Sheriff's Office."

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

