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HOUSE BILL 206
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Short Title: Louisburg Economic Development Initiative. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 4, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LOUISBURG TO USE REVENUE DERIVED
3 FROM RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 PROJECTS THAT WILL INCREASE THE TOWN'S NUMBER OF ELECTRIC
5 CUSTOMERS OR ELECTRIC LOAD.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 159B-39 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 159B-39. Permitted uses of revenue from electric power rates.**

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10 (b) The direct and indirect costs of operating the electric system include all of the
11 following:

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13 (9) The development or redevelopment of properties, or activities related thereto,
14 likely to increase the municipality's number of electric customers or electric
15 load thereby leading to reduced electric service rates, improved economic
16 development, job growth, or community improvement. Provided, however, a
17 municipality may only use revenue derived from rates for electric service to
18 pay costs identified under this subdivision if all of the following criteria apply:
19 (i) the municipality's electric rates are within ten percent (10%) of the
20 customer rates charged by any provider of electric service in a service area
21 adjacent to the municipality during the fiscal year in which the cost is incurred;
22 (ii) the municipality maintains in its electric enterprise fund moneys available
23 to pay all costs necessary for operation of its electric system for a three-month
24 period, which funds were not appropriated by the annual budget; and (iii) the
25 municipality has a fully developed capital improvement plan that includes a
26 funding source to replace assets depreciated by seventy-five percent (75%) or
27 more.

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29 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the Town of Louisburg only.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and (i) applies to the use of
31 revenue derived from rates for electric service to pay costs identified in G.S. 159B-39(b)(9), as
32 enacted by Section 1 of this act, on or after that date and (ii) expires July 1, 2031.

