

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 582  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CLAY COUNTY TO ENGAGE IN JOINT  
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITH A CONTIGUOUS COUNTY IN AN  
ADJOINING STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Clay County may, by proper resolution of its governing body, create a joint development agency, pursuant to Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, with a contiguous county in an adjoining state.

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-462(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Units agreeing to an undertaking may establish a joint agency charged with any or all of the responsibility for the undertaking. The units may confer on the joint agency any power, duty, right, or function needed for the execution of the ~~undertaking, except that legal title to all real property necessary to the undertaking shall be held by the participating units individually, or jointly as tenants in common, in such manner and proportion as they may determine.~~ undertaking, including the authority to hold legal title to any real property necessary to the undertaking."

**SECTION 3.** This act applies to Clay County only.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2003.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Richard T. Morgan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives