

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 2754**

Short Title: Rowan County/Annexation Moratorium. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Steen and Coates (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 29, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADOPT A MORATORIUM ON INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS BY  
2 THE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN 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  
6 annexation ordinance may be adopted under Part 2 or 3 of Article 4A of Chapter 160A  
7 of the General Statutes from the date this act becomes law until June 30, 2009. If any  
8 annexation proceeding has been initiated under those Parts prior to the date this act  
9 becomes effective but the annexation ordinance has not yet been adopted, any provision  
10 of law requiring any action or notice by the municipality or any person within a certain  
11 period of time is tolled during the suspension of authority provided by this section.

12 **SECTION 2.** An annexation ordinance adopted under Part 2 or 3 of Article  
13 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes that has an effective date on or after the day  
14 this act becomes law shall not become effective until after June 30, 2009, unless the  
15 municipality by ordinance adopts a new effective date later than June 30, 2009, for the  
16 annexation ordinance. An annexation ordinance that was adopted under Part 2 or 3 of  
17 Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes prior to the effective date of this act  
18 and is the subject of litigation in any court on the effective date of this act shall not  
19 become effective until after June 30, 2009, unless the municipality by ordinance adopts  
20 a new effective date later than June 30, 2009, for the annexation ordinance.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act shall not apply to any annexation ordinance adopted  
22 under Part 2 or 3 of Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes that has an  
23 effective date on or before the day this act becomes law, if the ordinance is not yet  
24 effective solely due to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

25 **SECTION 4.** If any municipality has adopted its budget ordinance for the  
26 2008-2009 fiscal year prior to the date this act becomes effective and the total amount  
27 of assessed valuation estimated in that budget ordinance has been reduced because of  
28 this act, the municipality may amend the budget ordinance to account for this act  
29 including establishment of a different tax rate.

- 1           **SECTION 5.** This act applies to the municipalities in Rowan County only.
- 2           **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.