

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 300**

Short Title: Zoning Changes/Majority Rule. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Wells, Lee, Smith (Primary Sponsors); and B. Jackson.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 18, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO RESTORE MAJORITY RULE TO MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENTS BY REPEAL OF THE QUALIFIED PROTEST PETITION PROCESS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-385(a) is repealed.

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-386 is repealed.

**SECTION 3.** G.S. 122C-403(3) reads as rewritten:

"(3) Regulate the development of the reservation in accordance with the powers granted in Article 19, Parts 2, 3, 3C, 5, 6, and 7, of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes. The Secretary may not, however, grant a special use permit, a conditional use permit, or a special exception under Part 3 of that Article. In addition, the Secretary is not required to notify landowners of zoning classification actions under G.S. 160A-384, ~~and the protest petition requirements in G.S. 160A-385, and 160A-386 do not apply,~~ but the Secretary shall give the mayor of the Town of Butner at least 14 days' advance written notice of any proposed zoning change. The Secretary may designate Advisory establish a board to act like a Board of Adjustment to make recommendations to the Secretary concerning implementation of plans for the development of the reservation. When acting as a Board of Adjustment, Advisory that board shall be subject to subsections (b), (c), (d), (f), and (g) of G.S. 160A-388."

**SECTION 4.** This act also repeals any local act authority for submission, review, or action by any municipality upon any zoning protest petition, whether or not enacted as a provision in a municipal charter.

**SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and applies to zoning ordinance changes adopted on or after that date.



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