AN ACT TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER
SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE VII OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO FIX
THE BOUNDARIES OF CITIES AND GIVE SUCH POWERS TO CITIES AS IT
DEEMS ADVISABLE BY DEANNEXING SPECIFIED LOCAL INVOLUNTARY
ANNEXATION AREAS, BY REPEALING SPECIFIED INVOLUNTARY
ANNEXATION ORDINANCES, AND BY PROHIBITING MUNICIPAL INITIATION
OF ANY PROCEDURE TO INVOLUNTARILY ANNEX THOSE AREAS FOR
TWELVE YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Deannexation. – Any area affected by an annexation ordinance
described in Section 4 of this act that is part of the corporate limits of a municipality on the
effective date of this act is hereby removed from that municipality's corporate limits on the
effective date of this act. The operation and enforcement of any annexation ordinance described
in Section 4 of this act that is pending on the effective date of this act is suspended on and after
the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. Repeal annexation ordinances. – All annexation ordinances described
in Section 4 of this act are repealed as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. Twelve-year prohibition on involuntary annexation. – All areas
affected by the annexation ordinances described in Section 4 of this act shall not be subject to
any annexation proceeding, other than a voluntary annexation under Part 1 or Part 4 of Article
4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, or local act of the General Assembly, for a period
of 12 years from and after the effective date of this act. After the 12-year period, the area may
be subject to annexation in accordance with State law effective at that time.

SECTION 4. Repealed involuntary annexation ordinances. –

(1) Kinston annexation ordinance, as described in House Bill 5, First Edition,
2011 Regular Session.

(2) Lexington annexation ordinance, as described in House Bill 37, First

(3) Rocky Mount annexation ordinance, as described in House Bill 56, First

(4) Wilmington annexation ordinance, described in House Bill 180, First

(5) Asheville/Biltmore Lake annexation ordinance, as described in House Bill

(6) Marvin annexation ordinance, affecting the area described in RS
2008-02-02, a resolution of the Village of Marvin Council.

(7) Southport annexation ordinance, affecting "Area A" and "Area B," as
described in City of Southport annexation ordinance, adopted June 9, 2011.

(8) Goldsboro annexation ordinance, affecting the area described in Senate Bill


SECTION 6. Severability. – If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective from and after July 1, 2012.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of May, 2012.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives