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HOUSE BILL 1305

Short Title: Maps/Charters to Sec. of State.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Allen; and B. Allen.

Referred to: Local Government II.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES TO FILE CERTIFIED CHARTERS AND
3 BOUNDARY MAPS AND COUNTIES TO FILE CERTIFIED BOUNDARY AND
4 TOWNSHIP MAPS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-22 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 160A-22. Map of corporate limits.**

8 (a) The current city boundaries shall at all times be drawn on a map, or set out in
9 a written description, or shown by a combination of these techniques. This delineation
10 shall be retained permanently in the office of the city clerk. Alterations in these
11 established boundaries shall be indicated by appropriate entries upon or additions to the
12 map or description made by or under the direction of the officer charged with that duty
13 by the city charter or by the council. Copies of the map or description reproduced by
14 any method of reproduction that gives legible and permanent copies, when certified by
15 the city clerk, shall be admissible in evidence in all courts and shall have the same force
16 and effect as would the original map or description. The council may provide for
17 revisions in any map or other description of the city boundaries. A revised map or
18 description shall supersede for all purposes the earlier map or description that it is
19 designated to replace.

20 (b) On or before July 1, 2006, the city clerk shall file with the Secretary of State a
21 certified map showing the boundaries of the city as they existed on January 1, 2006.
22 Thereafter, on or before July 1 of the year preceding each decennial federal census, the
23 city clerk shall file with the Secretary of State a certified map showing the boundaries of
24 the city as they existed on January 1 of the year preceding the decennial federal census.
25 All maps required by this subsection shall conform with rules prescribed by the
26 Secretary of State."

27 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 160A-111 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 160A-111. Filing certified true copies of ~~charter~~ charters and charter**
29 **amendments.**

1 (a) On or before July 1, 2006, the city clerk shall file with the Secretary of State a
2 certified true copy of the city's charter as it appeared on January 1, 2006. Thereafter, on
3 or before July 1 of the year preceding each decennial federal census, the city clerk shall
4 file with the Secretary of State a certified true copy of the city's charter as it appeared on
5 January 1 of the year preceding the decennial federal census.

6 (b) The city clerk shall file a certified true copy of any charter amendment
7 adopted under this Part with the Secretary of State and the Legislative Library."

8 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 153A-17 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 153A-17. Existing boundaries.**

10 (a) The boundaries of each county shall remain as presently established, until
11 changed in accordance with law.

12 (b) On or before July 1, 2006, the county manager or, where there is no county
13 manager, the chairman of the board of commissioners, shall file with the Secretary of
14 State a certified map showing the boundaries of the county as they existed on January 1,
15 2006. Thereafter, on or before July 1 of the year preceding each decennial federal
16 census, the manager or chairman shall file with the Secretary of State a certified map
17 showing the boundaries of the county as they existed on January 1 of the year preceding
18 the decennial federal census. All maps required by this subsection shall conform with
19 rules prescribed by the Secretary of State."

20 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 153A-19 is amended by adding the following new
21 subsection to read:

22 **§ 153A-19. Establishing and naming townships.**

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24 (d) On or before July 1, 2006, the county manager or, where there is no county
25 manager, the chairman of the board of commissioners, shall file with the Secretary of
26 State a certified map showing the boundaries and names of all townships within the
27 county on January 1, 2006. Thereafter, or before July 1 of the year preceding each
28 decennial federal census, the manager or chairman shall file with the Secretary of State
29 a certified map showing the boundaries and names of all townships within the county on
30 January 1 of the year preceding the decennial federal census. The manager or chairman
31 shall report changes in township boundaries to the Secretary of State. All maps required
32 by this subsection shall conform with rules prescribed by the Secretary of State."

33 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.