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HOUSE BILL 624  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/2/09

Short Title: Incorporate Rougemont.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 18, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF ROUGEMONT.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
4 **SECTION 1.** A Charter for the Town of Rougemont is enacted to read:  
5 "CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROUGEMONT.  
6 "ARTICLE I. INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.  
7 "Section 1.1. **Incorporation and Corporate Powers.** The inhabitants of the Town of  
8 Rougemont are a body corporate politic under the name 'Town of Rougemont.' Under that  
9 name they shall have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities conferred and  
10 imposed on cities by the general law of North Carolina.  
11 "ARTICLE II. CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.  
12 "Section 2.1. **Town Boundaries.** Until modified in accordance with the law, the boundaries  
13 of the Town of Rougemont are as follows:  
14 Beginning at the intersection of the Flat River and Red Mountain Road, thence in an easterly  
15 direction following the Flat River north and west to the northeast corner of PIN 190702, thence  
16 in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a  
17 westerly direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a northerly  
18 direction along the eastern boundary of PIN 190703, thence in a westerly direction along the  
19 northern boundaries of aforementioned parcel and PIN 190701 to the eastern boundary of PIN  
20 196596, thence in a northerly direction along the western boundary of PIN 190700, thence in a  
21 easterly direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned property to the Flat River,  
22 thence in a northerly, westerly, and southwesterly direction following the Flat River to the  
23 northeast corner of PIN 190725, thence in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of  
24 aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction following Bowen Road to its intersection  
25 with Moore's Mill Road, thence in a southerly direction along Moore's Mill Road to the  
26 northeast corner of PIN 190584, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of  
27 aforementioned parcel, thence in a southern direction along the western boundary of  
28 aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of PIN  
29 190585, thence in a northerly direction along the western boundaries of PIN 190585, PIN  
30 190586, PIN 190717, PIN 190715, PIN 190714, PIN 190712, and PIN 190713 to the  
31 Durham/Person County line, thence in a westerly direction following the Durham/Person  
32 County line to the northwest corner of PIN 190783, thence in a southerly direction along the  
33 western boundaries of PIN 190783, PIN 190784, PIN 190785, PIN 190786, PIN 190787, and  
34 PIN 190788, thence in a westerly direction and along the northern boundaries of PIN 190788  
35 and PIN 190803, thence in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of PIN 189591 to  
36 the northwest corner of PIN 189592, thence in an easterly direction along the northern  
37 boundary of PIN 189592, thence in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of



1    aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of  
2    aforementioned parcel to PIN 189593, thence in a southerly direction along the eastern  
3    boundary of PIN 189593, thence in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of PIN  
4    189593 to the northwest corner of PIN 190804, thence in an easterly direction along the  
5    northern boundary of aforementioned property, thence in a southerly direction along the eastern  
6    boundary of aforementioned property, thence in a westerly direction along the southern  
7    boundary of aforementioned property, thence in a northwesterly direction along the western  
8    boundary of aforementioned property and the eastern boundary of PIN 190768, thence in a  
9    westerly direction along the southern boundary of PIN 189593 to Equestrian Chase, thence in a  
10   southerly direction along the western boundary of Equestrian Chase to the southeastern  
11   boundary of PIN 190812, thence in a southwesterly direction along the eastern boundary of  
12   aforementioned property, thence in a northerly direction along the western boundary of  
13   aforementioned property and PIN 189595 and continuing northerly along the western boundary  
14   of PIN 189594 to PIN 189599, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of  
15   aforementioned parcel, thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of  
16   aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of  
17   aforementioned parcel, thence in a northerly direction along the western boundaries of PIN  
18   189590 and PIN 189589 to Harris Mill Road, thence in a northerly direction along the eastern  
19   boundary of the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way to the Durham/Person County line;  
20   thence in a westerly direction along the Durham/Person County line to the western right-of-way  
21   of U.S. Highway 501, thence in a southerly direction along the western right-of-way of U.S.  
22   Highway 501 to PIN 189580, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of  
23   PIN 189580 to the northwest corner of PIN 189542, thence in a southerly direction along the  
24   western boundary of PIN 189542, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary  
25   of aforementioned parcel to the western boundary of right-of-way of U.S. Highway 501,  
26   thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of U.S. Highway 501 right-of-way  
27   to the northeast corner of PIN 189662, thence in a westerly direction along the northern  
28   boundary of PIN 189662, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of  
29   aforementioned parcel to the western boundary of the U.S. Highway 501 right-of-way, thence  
30   in a southerly direction along the western boundary of U.S. Highway 501 right-of-way to  
31   northeast corner of PIN 189657, thence in a southwesterly direction along the northern  
32   boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southeasterly direction along the western  
33   boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary  
34   of PIN 189656, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundaries of PIN 189656 and  
35   189655, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundaries of PIN 189654 and  
36   189636, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of PIN 189636, thence in a  
37   westerly direction along the northern boundary of PIN 189653, thence in a northwesterly  
38   direction along the eastern boundary of PIN 189665, thence in a westerly direction along the  
39   northern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southerly direction along the western  
40   boundary of aforementioned parcel to the northern right-of-way of Bacon Road, thence in a  
41   westerly direction along the northern right-of-way of Bacon Road to the intersection of the  
42   southern section (between Bacon Road and Bill Poole Road) of Chambers Road, thence in a  
43   southerly direction along the western boundary of the right-of-way of Chambers Road to the  
44   northeast corner of PIN 189521, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of  
45   the aforementioned parcel, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of  
46   aforementioned parcel, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of  
47   aforementioned parcel to the western boundary of the Chambers Road right-of-way, thence in  
48   a southerly direction along the western boundary of the Chambers Road right-of-way to the  
49   northeast corner of PIN 189519, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of  
50   the aforementioned parcel, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of  
51   aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of PIN

1 189517, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of aforementioned parcel,  
2 thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel to the  
3 western boundary of the Chambers Road right-of-way, thence in a southerly direction along the  
4 western boundary of the Chambers Road right-of-way to the northeast corner of PIN 189515,  
5 thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in  
6 a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of PIN 189511 to the northern boundary of the  
7 Cothran Road right-of-way, thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of the  
8 Cothran Road right-of-way to the southeast corner of PIN 189507, thence in a northerly  
9 direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction  
10 along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southerly direction along  
11 the western boundary of aforementioned parcel and PIN 189484, thence in an easterly direction  
12 along the southern boundary of PIN 189484, thence in a southerly direction along the western  
13 boundaries of PIN 189483, PIN 189488, and PIN 189489 to the northern boundary of the Bill  
14 Poole Road right-of-way, thence in a southwesterly direction along the northern boundary of  
15 the Bill Poole Road right-of-way to its intersection with Rougemont Road, thence in a  
16 southerly direction along the western boundary of the Rougemont Road right-of-way to the  
17 southwest corner of PIN 189890 thence in an easterly, direction along the southern boundary of  
18 aforementioned parcel, thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of  
19 aforementioned parcel, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of PIN  
20 189498, thence in a southeasterly direction along the western boundary of PIN 189494, thence  
21 in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a  
22 northerly direction along the eastern boundaries of aforementioned parcel and PIN 189493,  
23 thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundaries of PIN 189885 and PIN 189886 to  
24 the western boundary of the Harris Road right-of-way, thence in a northerly direction along the  
25 western boundary of the right-of-way of Harris Road to the northern boundary of the Bill Poole  
26 Road right-of-way, thence in an northeasterly direction along the northern right-of-way of Bill  
27 Poole Road to the southeastern corner of PIN 189884, thence in a northwesterly direction along  
28 the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southwesterly direction along the  
29 northern boundaries of aforementioned parcel to PIN 189879, thence in a northwesterly  
30 direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a northerly direction  
31 along the western boundary of parcel 189848, thence in an easterly direction along the northern  
32 boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary  
33 of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest boundary of  
34 PIN 197183, thence in a southeasterly direction along the southwest boundary of  
35 aforementioned parcel and crossing Bill Poole Road, thence in a westerly direction along the  
36 southern right-of-way of Bill Poole Road to the western boundary of PIN 189847, thence in a  
37 southerly direction along the western boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in an easterly  
38 direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel and continuing in an easterly  
39 direction along the southern boundaries of parcels through PIN 189831 to the northwest corner  
40 of PIN 189830, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of aforementioned  
41 parcel, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel to  
42 the western right-of-way of U.S. Highway 501, thence in a southerly direction along the  
43 western boundary of the U.S. Highway 501 right-of-way to PIN 189824, thence in a westerly  
44 direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southerly direction  
45 along the eastern boundaries of PIN 189834, PIN 189835, and PIN 189867, thence in a  
46 southeasterly direction along the northern boundary of PIN 190517, thence in a southeasterly  
47 direction along the southwest boundary of PIN 190513, thence in a northeasterly direction  
48 along the southeast boundary of aforementioned parcel to the western right-of-way of U.S.  
49 Highway 501, thence crossing U.S. Highway 501 and continuing along the southeastern  
50 boundary of PIN 190530, thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeast boundary of  
51 aforementioned parcel, thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwestern boundary of

1    aforementioned parcel to the northeastern boundary of the U.S. Highway 501 right-of-way,  
2    thence in a northwesterly and then northerly direction along the eastern right-of-way of U.S.  
3    Highway 501 to the southwestern corner of PIN 189820, thence in a northeasterly direction  
4    along the southeastern boundary of aforementioned parcel to the western boundary of the  
5    Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way, thence in a southerly direction along the western  
6    boundary of the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way to the southwest corner of PIN  
7    189793, thence in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel,  
8    thence in a southeasterly direction along the northeastern boundary of PIN 190625, thence in a  
9    southerly direction along the northeastern boundary of PIN 190512, thence in a southeasterly  
10   and then easterly direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel to the  
11   southeast corner of PIN 190645, thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of  
12   aforementioned parcel to the southern right-of-way of Lake Winds Trail, thence in an easterly  
13   direction along the southern right-of-way of Lake Winds Trail, thence in a southerly direction  
14   along the western boundary of PIN 190644, thence in an easterly direction along the southern  
15   boundary of aforementioned parcel and continuing in an easterly direction to the western  
16   right-of-way of Moore's Mill Road, thence in a northerly direction crossing Lake Winds Trail  
17   to the northeast corner of PIN 190663, thence in a westerly direction along the northern  
18   boundary of aforementioned parcel and continuing in a westerly direction to the northwest  
19   corner of PIN 190677, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of  
20   aforementioned parcel to the northern right-of-way of Lake Winds Trail, thence in a westerly  
21   direction along the northern right-of-way of Lake Winds Trail to the southeastern corner of PIN  
22   190665, thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel,  
23   thence in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel and  
24   continuing to the northeastern boundary of PIN 190671, thence in a northerly direction and  
25   continuing to the northeast corner of PIN 190627 (located north of PIN 190628), then in a  
26   westerly direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel and continuing in a  
27   westerly direction to PIN 190697, thence in a northeasterly direction along the eastern  
28   boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeastern  
29   boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwestern  
30   boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a northwesterly direction along the eastern  
31   right-of-way of Lake Winds Trail, thence in a southwesterly direction crossing Lake Winds  
32   Trail and continuing to the northwest corner of PIN 190688, thence in a southeasterly direction  
33   along the western boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a westerly direction along the  
34   northern boundary of PIN 190627 (located west of PIN 190688) to the southeast corner of PIN  
35   189793, thence in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel  
36   and continuing to the southwest corner of PIN 190638, thence in an easterly direction along the  
37   southern boundary of aforementioned parcel and continuing in an easterly direction to the  
38   northwest corner of PIN 190629, thence in a southerly direction along the western boundary of  
39   aforementioned parcel, then in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of  
40   aforementioned parcel to the western right-of-way of Moore's Mill Road, thence in a northerly  
41   direction along the western right-of-way of Moore's Mill Road to the northwest corner of PIN  
42   190706, thence in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of aforementioned parcel,  
43   thence in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel and  
44   continuing across Red Mountain Road along the western boundary of PIN 190587, thence in an  
45   easterly direction along the southern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in a northerly  
46   direction along the eastern boundary of aforementioned parcel, thence in an easterly direction  
47   along the southern boundary of PIN 190704 and continuing in an easterly direction to the Flat  
48   River, thence in a northerly and northeasterly direction along the Flat River to the bridge over  
49   the Flat River on Red Mountain Road. PIN 190576 and PIN 189728 are located within the  
50   contiguous outer boundaries of the Town of Rougemont, but are excluded from the corporate  
51   boundaries of the Town.

1 "ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY.

2 "Section 3.1. **Structure of Governing Body; Number of Members.** The governing body  
3 of the Town of Rougemont is the Town Council, which shall consist of a Mayor and four  
4 members.

5 "Section 3.2. **Manner of Electing Town Council.** The qualified voters of the entire Town  
6 shall elect the members of the Town Council and, except as provided in this section, they shall  
7 serve four-year terms. In 2009, the three candidates receiving the highest numbers of votes  
8 shall be elected to four-year terms, and the two candidates receiving the next highest numbers  
9 of votes shall be elected to two-year terms. In 2011, and quadrennially thereafter, two members  
10 shall be elected to four-year terms. In 2013, and quadrennially thereafter, three members shall  
11 be elected to four-year terms.

12 "Section 3.3. **Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office; Duties.** At the organizational  
13 meeting following each municipal election, the Town Council shall elect one of its members as  
14 Mayor, and the Mayor shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council. The Mayor shall be the  
15 official head of Town government, shall preside at all meetings of the Town Council, shall  
16 have the right to vote only when there is an equal division on any question or matter before the  
17 Town Council, and shall exercise the powers and duties conferred by law or as directed by the  
18 Town Council.

19 "Section 3.4. **Residency Requirement.** Members of the governing body of the Town of  
20 Rougemont, whether elected or appointed, must be qualified voters who reside within the  
21 corporate limits of the Town in order to qualify to take, hold, and continue in office.

22 "ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS.

23 "Section 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** Elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan  
24 basis and results determined by a plurality as provided in G.S. 163-292.

25 "Section 4.2. **Special Elections and Referenda.** Special elections and referenda may be  
26 held only as provided by the general law of North Carolina, local acts of the General Assembly,  
27 or as provided for in this Charter.

28 "ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION.

29 "Section 5.1. **Town to Operate Under Mayor-Council Plan.** The Town shall operate  
30 under the Mayor-Council form of government as provided in Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter  
31 160A of the General Statutes.

32 "Section 5.2. **Town Attorney.** The Town Council shall appoint a Town Attorney licensed  
33 to practice law in North Carolina. It shall be the duty of the Town Attorney to represent the  
34 Town, advise Town officials, and perform other duties as required by law or as directed by the  
35 Town Council.

36 "Section 5.3. **Town Clerk.** The Town Council shall appoint a Town Clerk who shall  
37 perform duties as required by law or as directed by the Town Council. The Town Clerk shall  
38 serve at the pleasure of the Town Council.

39 "Section 5.4. **Other Officers and Employees.** The Town Council may appoint other  
40 officers and positions as deemed appropriate, subject to the requirements of general law.

41 "Section 5.5. **Consolidation of Functions.** Where positions are not incompatible, the Town  
42 Council may combine in one person the powers and duties of two or more officers created or  
43 authorized by this Charter.

44 "Section 5.6. **Compensation for Mayor and Town Council Members.** The Mayor and  
45 members of the Town Council shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses and  
46 may receive salary and honoraria only upon a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Town  
47 who vote on the question in a special referendum.

48 "ARTICLE VI. TAXES AND BUDGET ORDINANCE.

49 "Section 6.1. **Powers of the Town Council.** The Town Council may levy those taxes and  
50 fees authorized by general law. An affirmative vote equal to a majority of all the members of

1 the Town Council shall be required to change the ad valorem tax from that rate established  
2 during the prior fiscal year.

3 "Section 6.2. **Commencement of Tax Collection.** From and after July 1, 2009, the citizens  
4 and property in the Town of Rougemont shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the year  
5 beginning July 1, 2009, and for that purpose the Town shall obtain from Durham County a  
6 record of property in the area herein incorporated which was listed for property taxes as of  
7 January 1, 2009.

8 "Section 6.3. **Budget.** The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 2009-2010  
9 without following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, but  
10 shall follow the sequence of actions in the spirit of the act insofar as is practical. For fiscal year  
11 2009-2010, ad valorem taxes may be paid at par or face amount within 90 days of the adoption  
12 of the budget ordinance and thereafter in accordance with the schedule in G.S. 105-360.

13 "Section 6.4. **Ad Valorem Taxes.** The Town Council shall not increase the ad valorem tax  
14 rate more than \$0.05/\$100.00 valuation, except for fire protection services, above the ad  
15 valorem tax rate established on the date of incorporation of the Town of Rougemont without  
16 the vote or consent of a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Rougemont. The  
17 election on the question of increasing the ad valorem tax rate shall be conducted in accordance  
18 with G.S. 160A-209.

19 "ARTICLE VII. ORDINANCES.

20 "Section 7.1. **Ordinances.** Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, the Town of  
21 Rougemont is authorized to adopt such ordinances as the Town Council deems necessary for  
22 the governance of the Town.

23 "ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

24 "Section 8.1. **Enlargement of Town Council.** The qualified voters of the Town of  
25 Rougemont may seek to enlarge the number of members of the Town Council by submitting a  
26 petition to that effect signed by twenty percent (20%) of the qualified voters. Upon the passage  
27 of a resolution as provided in G.S. 160A-102 or upon receipt of a valid petition, the Town  
28 Council shall immediately take steps as provided in Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the  
29 General Statutes to determine by referendum whether the number of members of the Town  
30 Council should be increased. If a majority of the votes cast in the referendum are in the  
31 affirmative, a special election shall be held at the earliest possible date to elect the additional  
32 members required to enlarge the Town Council to the number set forth in the referendum.

33 "Section 8.2. **Amendments to Charter.** The Town Council may propose and enact  
34 amendments to this Charter in accordance with Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the  
35 General Statutes. No amendment to this Charter shall become effective until public notice is  
36 given and a public hearing is held to receive comments on the proposed Charter amendment.  
37 Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-103, upon receipt of a referendum petition bearing the signatures  
38 and residence addresses of twenty percent (20%) of the qualified voters of the Town, the Town  
39 Council shall submit ordinances adopted under G.S. 160A-102 to a vote of the people.

40 "Section 8.3. **Provision of Services and Administration of Functions.** The Town Council  
41 may enter into agreements with other governmental bodies and private enterprises for the  
42 provision of services and administration of corporate functions in order to provide the services  
43 and administer the functions in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

44 "Section 8.4. **Conflict of Interest.** No person, or a member of the person's immediate  
45 family, who is employed by or is an official of the Town of Rougemont shall do business with  
46 the Town unless the Town Council specifically approves the activity. All appointed officials of  
47 the Town must inform the Town Council of any conflicts of interest and the failure to so inform  
48 shall constitute grounds for immediate dismissal for cause. No official of the Town may accept  
49 any gratuity from any business, person, or other official if the gratuity is related to his or her  
50 official duties.

1 "Section 8.5. **Nepotism.** No person who is an immediate family member of an elected  
2 official of the Town of Rougemont shall be appointed to or employed in a position within  
3 Town government unless the appointment or employment is approved by the entire Town  
4 Council.

5 "Section 8.6. **Annexation.** The Town of Rougemont shall not extend its boundaries into an  
6 adjoining county.

7 "ARTICLE IX. SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

8 "Section 9.1. **Fire Protection.** The Town of Rougemont shall contract with the Bahama  
9 Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Company, Inc., to provide fire protection for the Town. The  
10 contract terms and amount paid by the Town of Rougemont to the Bahama Volunteer Fire,  
11 Rescue, and EMS Company, Inc., shall be mutually agreed upon and annually renewed by the  
12 Board of Directors of the Bahama Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Company, Inc., and the  
13 Town Council.

14 "Section 9.2. **Safety Protection.** The Town of Rougemont shall contract with the Durham  
15 County Sheriff's Department to provide safety protection for the Town. The contract terms and  
16 amount paid by the Town of Rougemont to the Durham County Sheriff's Department shall be  
17 mutually agreed upon and annually renewed by the Durham County Commissioners and the  
18 Town Council."

19 **SECTION 2.** The Durham County Board of Elections shall conduct an election on  
20 November 3, 2009, for the purpose of submission to the qualified voters for the area described  
21 in Section 2.1 of the Charter of the Town of Rougemont the question of whether or not the area  
22 shall be incorporated as the Town of Rougemont. Registration for the election shall be  
23 conducted in accordance with G.S. 163-288.2.

24 **SECTION 3.** In the election, the question on the ballot shall be:

25 "[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

26 Incorporation of the Town of Rougemont."

27 **SECTION 4.** In the election, if a majority of the votes are cast "For the  
28 Incorporation of the Town of Rougemont," Section 1 of this act shall become effective on the  
29 date that the Durham County Board of Elections certifies the results of the election. Otherwise,  
30 Section 1 of this act shall have no force and effect.

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