

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

**HOUSE BILL 438  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The legal boundary line between Franklin County and Granville County shall be as depicted by the Census Redistricting Data P.L. 94-171 TIGER/Line Shapefiles associated with the 2020 federal decennial census, which is consistent with the boundary line used by the counties and reflected in the counties' geographic information systems maps.

**SECTION 2.** Any completed county boundary survey delivered by the North Carolina Geodetic Survey in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes in 2023 or 2024 that is not consistent with Section 1 of this act shall not be binding upon Franklin and Granville Counties and shall not be used by Franklin or Granville County as a common boundary between the counties.

**SECTION 3.(a)** On and after the effective date of this act, all papers, documents, and instruments required or permitted to be filed or registered related to residents or property shall be filed in the county in which the property is located pursuant to the boundary described in this act despite the fact that papers, documents, and instruments required or permitted to be filed or registered with respect to such residents or property may have been previously recorded in the other county.

**SECTION 3.(b)** All public records related to residents and property located in areas affected by the establishment of the boundary line that were filed or recorded prior to the effective date of this act in the adjoining county shall remain in the respective adjoining county where filed or recorded, and such records shall be valid public records as to the property and persons involved, even though they are recorded in an adjoining county where the property is not located as evidenced by the boundary described in this act.

**SECTION 4.** Franklin County, Granville County, the elected and appointed officials of Franklin and Granville Counties, and employees of Franklin County and Granville County shall not incur any liability under any local or general law, ordinance, rule, or regulation for any act or failure to act relating to taxation, school attendance, land use controls, elections, or any other governmental function as it relates to the currently used boundary line between Franklin County and Granville County.



**SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September,

2023.

s/ Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives