

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 539

Short Title: Revenue Neutral Rate Required.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blust.

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Referred to: State and Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 27, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A REVENUE  
3 NEUTRAL TAX RATE IN THE YEAR OF A GENERAL REAPPRAISAL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 159-13 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 159-13. The budget ordinance; form, adoption, limitations, tax levy, filing.**

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8 (c) The budget ordinance of a local government shall levy taxes on property at rates that  
9 will produce the revenue necessary to balance appropriations and revenues, after taking into  
10 account the estimated percentage of the levy that will not be collected during the fiscal year. The  
11 budget ordinance of a public authority shall be balanced so that appropriations do not exceed  
12 revenues.

13 (c1) For every year in which a general reappraisal of real property has been conducted in  
a local government, the budget ordinance of that local government shall levy taxes on property  
for that year at the revenue-neutral tax rate set out in G.S. 159-11(e).

14 ...."

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to budget  
16 ordinances passed on or after that date.

