

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 621
HOUSE BILL 209

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES TO DESIGNATE HISTORIC DISTRICTS AS
MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-536 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(1a) Any service, facility, or function which the municipality may by law provide in the city, and including but not limited to placement of utility wiring underground, placement of period street lighting, placement of specially designed street signs and street furniture, landscaping, specialized street and sidewalk paving, and other appropriate improvements to the rights-of-way that generally preserve the character of an historic district; provided that this subdivision only applies to a service district which, at the time of its creation, had the same boundaries as an historic district created under Part 3A of Article 19 of this Chapter;"

Sec. 2. G.S. 160A-538 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(f) A service district which at the time of its creation had the same boundaries as an historic district created under Part 3A of Article 19 of this Chapter may only have its boundaries extended to include territory which has been added to the historic district."

Sec. 3. G.S. 160A-538.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c) A service district which at the time of its creation had the same boundaries as an historic district created under Part 3A of Article 19 of this Chapter may only have its boundaries reduced to exclude territory which has been removed from the historic district."

Sec. 4. This act shall apply only to those cities having a population in excess of 150,000 which are located in counties having two or more cities each of which has a population in excess of 60,000. This act shall also apply to those cities where, at the time of creation of the district, the city had a population of not less than 20,000 nor more than 25,000, was not a county seat, and was located in two counties one of which had eight incorporated municipalities. This act shall also apply to those cities where, at the time of creation of the district, the city is located in a county with a population of more than 100,000, which county has an area of less than 250 square miles.

Sec. 4.1. If any provision of this act is held unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions of this act are declared to be severable, and such holding shall not affect the remainder of this act.

Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of July, 1987.