## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1295**

Sponsors: Representative Decker.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ANNEXATION LAWS.

Whereas, municipalities have authority to annex under existing State law at the request of affected property owners, or without a request, under specified conditions; and

Whereas, annexations continue to cause conflict between citizens and municipalities, between counties and municipalities, and among municipalities; and

Whereas, changes in the law are needed to achieve a better balance between the rights and needs of citizens subject to annexation and annexation powers of municipalities;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the State annexation laws. In the course of the study, the Legislative Research Commission shall (i) hold hearings and receive written and oral statements from citizens and elected officials regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the existing annexation laws and annexation practices of municipalities in the State; (ii) review the existing annexation laws; and (iii) develop proposed legislation to effect changes in the annexation laws that will alleviate disadvantages disclosed during the study.

Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the 1991 General Assembly, 1992 Regular Session, or may make an interim report to the 1991 General Assembly, 1992 Regular Session followed by a final report to the 1993 General Assembly.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.