

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**SENATE BILL 876
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/19/26**

Short Title: Rowan County Local Modifications.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 29, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF
2 COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1 AND TO
3 ALLOW ROWAN COUNTY TO APPLY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THE
4 RELINQUISHED EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF
5 KANNAPOLIS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 153A-27.1(h) reads as rewritten:

9 "(h) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alamance, Alexander,
10 Alleghany, Avery, Beaufort, Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell,
11 Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Guilford,
12 Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell,
13 Mecklenburg, Moore, Onslow, Pender, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford,
14 Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Transylvania, and Yancey."

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies to Rowan County only.

16 **SECTION 1.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
17 vacancies filled on or after that date.

18 **SECTION 2.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 160D-601(d), Rowan County may apply
19 development regulations to the area of the City of Kannapolis' relinquished extraterritorial
20 jurisdiction located in Rowan County.

21 **SECTION 2.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 160D-202(h), the City of Kannapolis'
22 development regulations and powers of enforcement shall remain in effect in the area of the
23 relinquished extraterritorial jurisdiction until (i) Rowan County adopts development regulations
24 in the area or (ii) a period of 90 days has elapsed following the effective date of the
25 relinquishment of the extraterritorial jurisdiction, whichever is sooner. Prior to the transfer of
26 jurisdiction, Rowan County may hold hearings and take other measures consistent with
27 G.S. 160D-204 that may be required in order to adopt and apply its development regulations for
28 the area at the same time it assumes jurisdiction.

29 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires after a
30 period of 90 days has elapsed following the effective date of the relinquishment of the City of
31 Kannapolis' extraterritorial jurisdiction located in Rowan County.

32 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
33 law.

