

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 73**

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Sponsors: Representative Ellis.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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January 31, 1995

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION OF  
3 EXTRATERRITORIALY ZONED AREAS.

4       Whereas, cities by general law and some local acts are allowed to exercise  
5 zoning and planning jurisdiction over areas outside their corporate limits (the "ETJ" );  
6 and

7       Whereas, the cities exercise considerable control over the property of the  
8 persons in the ETJ, without those persons having the right to vote in municipal  
9 elections; and

10       Whereas, numerous suggestions for correcting this imbalance have been  
11 proposed, including allowing persons in the ETJ to vote in municipal elections,  
12 requiring cities to annex ETJ areas within a certain number of years or drop the area  
13 from the ETJ, allowing nonvoting membership on the city governing board by residents  
14 of the ETJ, and other options; and

15       Whereas, different statutes provide for ETJ extensions of one mile for all  
16 cities, and two or three miles for other cities, and there are conflicts between the two  
17 statutes as to procedures and representation;

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

19       Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall study the issue of  
20 how to best reduce the inequity of persons in the ETJ not having a voice in decisions  
21 affecting them. The Legislative Research Commission as part of that study shall also  
22 recommend clarification of how the different statutes on extensions of different  
23 mileages relate to each other.

1           Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.