

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-137  
HOUSE BILL 616**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH TO ANNEX  
CERTAIN PROPERTIES CURRENTLY TOTALLY SURROUNDED BY THE  
CORPORATE LIMITS AND OTHER CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE  
CORPORATE LIMITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 160A-36, the Town of Atlantic Beach may adopt ordinances annexing property that, on January 1, 2001, was either completely enclosed by the corporate limits of the Town or completely enclosed by the corporate limits of the Town and the waterways of the State, if the Town does the following:

- (1) Fixes a date for a public hearing on the annexation and publishes notice of the public hearing at least 10 days before the date of the hearing.
- (2) Makes a finding based upon circumstances and evidence satisfactory to the Town Council that the annexation is necessary for the orderly growth and development of the Town.

**SECTION 2.** The procedure for recording any annexation under this act is as provided in G.S. 160A-39.

**SECTION 3.** Any annexation ordinance adopted by the Town Council under this act shall be adopted before December 31, 2002.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives