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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR75243-LB-166 (03/15)

Sponsors: Senator Cowell.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION STUDY THE ISSUE OF REDUCING THE WAITING PERIOD
3 BEFORE WHICH CITIES MAY ORDER DWELLINGS DETERMINED UNFIT
4 FOR HUMAN HABITATION TO BE REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED.

5 Whereas, G.S. 160A-443 allows cities to order a dwelling to be repaired or
6 vacated and closed, if the owner has vacated and closed such dwelling and kept such
7 dwelling vacated and closed for a period of one year; and

8 Whereas, S.L. 2004-98 has reduced the waiting period for Winston-Salem
9 and Reidsville to six months; and

10 Whereas, other municipalities are interested in a shorter waiting period; and

11 Whereas, vacant dilapidated buildings become a blight to the community, but
12 that interest must be balanced with property rights and family interests; Now, therefore,
13 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

14 **SECTION 1.** The Legislative Research Commission is requested to study
15 the issue of whether the waiting period in G.S. 160-443(5a) and (5b) should be reduced
16 from one year to six months.

17 **SECTION 2.** The study requested by this act shall be reported to the 2005
18 Regular Session of the General Assembly when it reconvenes in 2006.

19 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.