

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

**SENATE BILL 122  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY SATELLITE ANNEXATION BY THE  
CITIES OF GASTONIA AND LOCUST AND THE TOWNS OF BLADENBORO,  
PINE LEVEL, AND RANLO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 160A-58.1(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) A noncontiguous area proposed for annexation must meet all of the following standards:

- (1) The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits must be not more than three miles from the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.
- (2) No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits may be closer to the primary corporate limits of another city than to the primary corporate limits of the annexing city, except as set forth in subsection (b2) of this section.
- (3) The area must be so situated that the annexing city will be able to provide the same services within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within its primary corporate limits.
- (4) If the area proposed for annexation, or any portion thereof, is a subdivision as defined in G.S. 160A-376, all of the subdivision must be included.
- (5) The area within the proposed satellite corporate limits, when added to the area within all other satellite corporate limits, may not exceed ten percent (10%) of the area within the primary corporate limits of the annexing city.

Subdivision (5) of this subsection does not apply to the Cities of Claremont, Concord, Conover, Gastonia, Locust, Newton, Sanford, Salisbury, and Southport, and the Towns of Bladenboro, Catawba, Maiden, Midland, Pine Level, Ranlo, Swansboro, and Warsaw."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May,  
2003.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Richard T. Morgan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives