

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SENATE BILL 551
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF WELDON TO ENTER INTO AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND DEFERRING AN ANNEXATION AND TO ALLOW THE DESIGN-BUILD METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION ON A PROJECT OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Effective May 7, 2001, Section 2 of Session Law 2001-49 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes ~~law-law~~, except that Section 1 of this act becomes effective June 30, 2011."

SECTION 2. Session Law 2001-49 is amended by adding new sections to read:

"SECTION 1.1. None of the territory described in Section 1 of this act may be annexed under Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes by any municipality other than the Town of Weldon.

"SECTION 1.2. Notwithstanding any applicable provision of the General Statutes or any other public or local law, the Town of Weldon is granted certain contract powers as follows:

- (1) To enter into an agreement providing that property described in Section 1 of this act may not be involuntarily annexed by the Town prior to June 30, 2011, under the General Statutes as they now exist or may be subsequently amended. The Town of Weldon shall not seek to repeal this act upon its approval by the General Assembly.
- (2) Any agreement entered into as provided in subdivision (1) of this section is specifically determined to be consistent with the public policy of the State of North Carolina.
- (3) Any agreement entered into as provided in subdivision (1) of this section is a continuing agreement and is binding on and enforceable against the current and future members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Weldon during the full term of such agreement and any extension thereof.
- (4) The parties to any agreement entered into as provided in subdivision (1) of this section are authorized by this section to modify, amend, and extend such agreement on mutual written consent, without the approval of the General Assembly, provided that any such modification or amendment does not materially alter the concept of the agreement.
- (5) To accept payments in lieu of taxes as consideration for such agreement."

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-128, 143-129, and 143-132, the City of Roanoke Rapids may use the design-build method of construction for the Neighborhood Resource Center on the site of the old A&P building on the corner of Third and Jackson Streets.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of
September, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives