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HOUSE DRH30084-LRz-6 (12/01)

Short Title: Broadband Parity for Counties & Cities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Alexander, Bryant, and Faison (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY AS CITIES TO
3 ENGAGE IN PUBLIC ENTERPRISES RELATED TO CABLE TELEVISION
4 SYSTEMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGH-
5 SPEED INTERNET ACCESS IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 SECTION 1. Article 15 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
8 adding a new section to read:
9 "**§ 153A-274.1. Cable television systems.**
10 (a) The term 'city' as used in Article 16 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes shall
11 be deemed to include a county, to the end that counties may exercise the same powers as cities
12 with respect to the acquisition, construction, establishment, enlargement, improvement,
13 maintenance, ownership, operation, and contracting for the operation of cable television
14 systems as authorized by G.S. 160A-311(7).
15 (b) References to a 'city' or 'municipality' in G.S. 40A-3, 40A-42, 132-1.1, 160A-199,
16 160A-209, and 160A-319 that relate to cable television systems are deemed also to refer to a
17 county."
18 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

