

Warren County Board of Commissioners



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 214, PART V, SECTION 5

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 153A-15(a), before any county as a public condemnor acquires property in Warren County by condemnation it must have the approval of the Warren County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 153A-15(b), before any county acquires any interest in real property located in Warren County it must have the approval of the Warren County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, Franklin County seeks to deprive Warren County of its statutory authority to consent to Franklin County's condemnation or other acquisition of real property in Warren County pursuant to pending legislation under Senate Bill 214, Part V, Section 5 which reads: "Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 153A-15, the County of Franklin may acquire, including by condemnation, real property or an interest in real property located in Halifax, Vance, and Warren County, without the consent or approval of the other county's Board of Commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, though it may be appropriate for a county to pursue local legislation for authority to take some action not otherwise authorized under the N. C. General Statutes, it is entirely inappropriate for Franklin County to seek local legislation that would deprive Warren County of its authority under the N. C. General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding numerous inquiries by Warren County, Franklin County officials have refused to discuss this legislation or provide any explanation or clarification concerning Franklin County's reasons for seeking to deprive Warren County of its statutory authority under G.S. 153A-15; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 214, Part V, Section 5 represents an egregious, troubling and unprecedented overreach that undermines the principles of local governance and threatens regional cooperation and trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Commissioners expresses its adamant opposition to Part V, Section 5 of Senate Bill 214; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Commissioners fervently requests that Part V, Section 5 be stricken from Senate Bill 214.

Adopted the 24th day of April 2026.

Al Cooper, Chairman

Monique Hinton, Deputy Clerk to the Board