

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 355\*

Short Title: Federal Jurisdiction.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Jenkins; Allran and Atwater.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 3, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AUTOMATIC GRANT OF EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION  
3 OVER PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 104-7 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 104-7. Acquisition of lands for public buildings; cession of jurisdiction;  
7 exemption from taxation.

8 The consent of the State is hereby given, in accordance with the seventeenth clause,  
9 eighth section, of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, to the  
10 acquisition by the United States, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, of any land  
11 in the State required for the sites for customhouses, courthouses, post offices, ~~arsenals,~~  
12 ~~or armories; provided that the total land to be acquired for a particular project does not~~  
13 ~~exceed 25 acres. or other public buildings whatever, or for any other purposes of the~~  
14 ~~government.~~

15 Exclusive jurisdiction in and over any land so acquired by the United States shall be  
16 and the same is hereby ceded to the United States for all purposes except the service  
17 upon such sites of all civil and criminal process of the courts of this State; but the  
18 jurisdiction so ceded shall continue no longer than the said United States shall own such  
19 lands. The jurisdiction ceded shall not vest until the United States shall have acquired  
20 title to said lands by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise.

21 So long as the said lands shall remain the property of the United States when  
22 acquired as aforesaid, and no longer, the same shall be and continue exempt and  
23 exonerated from all State, county, and municipal taxation, assessment, or other charges  
24 which may be levied or imposed under the authority of this State."

25 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.