

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

**SESSION LAW 2007-137  
SENATE BILL 654**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING RUTHERFORD COUNTY TO CONDUCT AN  
ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON A HIGH IMPACT LAND-USE ORDINANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The board of commissioners of a county may direct the board of elections of that county to conduct an advisory referendum on a high impact land-use ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** The board of commissioners shall decide the form and content of the issue on the ballot and define the area that will be voting. The content shall include a specific reference to the types of high impact land-use zoning, such as heavy industrial use.

**SECTION 3.** Any referendum under this act must be conducted during 2007.

**SECTION 4.** This section applies to Rutherford County only.

**SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives