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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES FROM AN
AREA PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED INTO THE TOWN OF CALABASH.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The area annexed to the Town of Calabash by Section 1 of Chapter 593 of the Session Laws of 1989 is removed from the corporate limits of the town.

This section shall have no effect upon the validity of any liens of the Town of Calabash for ad valorem taxes or special assessments outstanding before the effective date of this section. The area shall not be subject to liens for ad valorem taxes levied by the Town of Calabash for fiscal year 1997-98. Such liens may be collected or foreclosed upon after the effective date of this section as though the property were still within the corporate limits of the Town of Calabash.

(b) The Brunswick County Board of Elections shall conduct an election on a date set by it, to be not later than four days before the opening of filing for the 1997 municipal election in the Town of Calabash, for the purpose of submission to the qualified voters of District 1 of the Town of Calabash and to the qualified voters of District 2 of the Town of Calabash the question of whether or not the area described in subsection (a) of this section shall be removed from the corporate limits of the Town of Calabash.

1 (c) In the election, the question on the ballot shall be:

2 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

3 Removal of Carolina Shores from the corporate limits of the Town of Calabash."

4 (d) In such election, if a majority of the votes cast in either District 1 or District
5 2 shall be cast "FOR" the question, then subsection (a) of this section is effective on the
6 date that the Brunswick County Board of Elections determines the result of the election.
7 In such case, from that date until the organizational meeting after the 1997 municipal
8 election, the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Calabash are Sam
9 Bierworth, Forrest King, Keith Hardee, Robert Simmons, and John Collins. They shall
10 choose a Mayor from among the members of the Board to serve until the organizational
11 meeting after the 1997 municipal election.

12 (e) In such election, if a majority of the votes cast in both District 1 and
13 District 2 are not cast "FOR" the question, then subsection (a) of this section shall have no
14 force and effect.

15 (f) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-294.2(c), the Brunswick County Board of
16 Elections shall establish a special candidate filing period for the 1997 municipal election
17 for the Town of Calabash, which shall allow at least 10 business days for filing.

18 (g) Beginning with the 1997 municipal election, the Board of Commissioners
19 of the Town of Calabash consists of four members.

20 Section 2. A Charter for the Town of Carolina Shores is enacted to read:

21 "**CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES.**

22 "**CHAPTER I.**

23 "**INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE POWERS.**

24 "Sec. 1.1. **Incorporation and Corporate Powers.** The inhabitants of the Town of
25 Carolina Shores are a body corporate and politic under the name 'Town of Carolina
26 Shores'. Under that name they have all the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and
27 immunities conferred and imposed upon cities by the general law of North Carolina.

28 "**CHAPTER II.**

29 "**CORPORATE BOUNDARIES.**

30 "Sec. 2.1. **Town Boundaries.** Until modified in accordance with law, the boundaries
31 of the Town of Carolina Shores are those annexed to the Town of Calabash by Section 1
32 of Chapter 593 of the Session Laws of 1989.

33 "**CHAPTER III.**

34 "**GOVERNING BODY.**

35 "Sec. 3.1. **Structure of Governing Body; Number of Members.** The governing
36 body of the Town of Carolina Shores is the Town Board of Commissioners and the
37 Mayor. The Town Board of Commissioners has five members.

38 "Sec. 3.2. **Manner of Electing Board.** The qualified voters of the entire Town elect
39 the members of the Board of Commissioners.

40 "Sec. 3.3. **Term of Office of Board Members.** (a) John Farley, Alden Craft,
41 Robert Isaacs, Mary Elliott, and Doris Dudley are appointed as members of the Board of
42 Commissioners to serve until the organizational meeting after the 1997 municipal
43 election.

1 (b) In 1997 five members of the Board of Commissioners are elected. The three
2 persons receiving the highest numbers of votes are elected to four-year terms and the two
3 persons receiving the next highest numbers of votes are elected to two-year terms. In
4 1999 and quadrennially thereafter, two members of the council are elected to four-year
5 terms. In 2001 and quadrennially thereafter, three members of the council are elected to
6 four-year terms.

7 "Sec. 3.4. **Selection of Mayor; Term of Office.** The qualified voters of the entire
8 Town elect the Mayor. George Anderson shall serve as Mayor to serve until the
9 organizational meeting after the 1997 municipal election. A Mayor shall be elected in
10 1997 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term.

11 **"CHAPTER IV.**

12 **"ELECTIONS.**

13 "Sec. 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** The Town Board of Commissioners shall be
14 elected on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined by the plurality method as
15 provided by G.S. 163-292.

16 **"CHAPTER V.**

17 **"ADMINISTRATION.**

18 "Sec. 5.1. **Mayor-Board Plan.** The Town of Carolina Shores operates under the
19 Mayor-Board of Commissioners plan as provided by Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 160A
20 of the General Statutes.

21 **"CHAPTER VI.**

22 **"EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.**

23 "Sec. 6.1. **Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.** The area to the north of North Carolina
24 Highway 179 and Thomasboro Road which was within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of
25 the Town of Calabash under Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes and
26 which is not in the Town limits of the Town of Calabash is placed within the
27 extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town of Carolina Shores under Article 19 of Chapter
28 160A of the General Statutes upon the adoption of a zoning ordinance by the Town of
29 Carolina Shores."

30 Section 3. (a) From and after January 1, 1997, the citizens and property in the
31 Town of Carolina Shores shall be subject to municipal taxes levied for the year beginning
32 January 1, 1997, and for that purpose the Town shall obtain from Brunswick County a
33 record of property in the area herein incorporated which was listed for taxes as of January
34 1, 1997, and the businesses in the Town shall be liable for privilege license tax from the
35 effective date of the privilege license tax ordinance. For fiscal year 1997-98, ad valorem
36 taxes may be paid at par or face amount within 90 days of adoption of the budget
37 ordinance, and thereafter in accordance with the schedule in G.S. 105-360 as if the taxes
38 had been due and payable on September 1, 1997.

39 The Town may adopt a budget ordinance for fiscal year 1997-98 without
40 following the timetable in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

41 (b) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-294.2(c), the Brunswick County Board of
42 Elections shall establish a special candidate filing period for the 1997 municipal election
43 for the Town of Carolina Shores which shall allow at least 10 business days for filing.

1 Section 4. The boundaries of the Town of Calabash are as follows:

2 BEGINNING at a point where the North Carolina-South Carolina Stateline intersects the
3 Northern Right-of-Way of NC Highway 179 (60' R/W); thence with said Right-of-Way,
4 S 88 16' 47" E, 419.92'; S 82 10' 09" E, 1022.11'; N 87 34' 25" E, 619.79'; N 77 30' 00"
5 E, 205.42'; N 76 45' 07" E, 125.12' to a point where said Northern Right-of-Way
6 intersects the Eastern Right-of-Way of SR 1168, Country Club Drive; thence with said
7 eastern right-of-way N 03 49' 49" E, 61.55'; N 04 12' 15" E, 43.00'; N 03 54' 03" E,
8 218.87' to the Northwest corner of Tract #7, CLA Properties, Inc., as Recorded in Map
9 Cabinet "K", Page 44 of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds; thence with the
10 Northern line of Tract #7, N85 32'33"E, 762.30' to the Northeast corner of said Tract #7;
11 thence with the Boundary lines of CLA Properties, Inc., as shown in Map Cabinet "K",
12 Page 44 the following bearings and distances: N 85 32' 33"E, 250.00'; N 82 04' 15"F,
13 439.56'; N 87 00' 46"W, 779.48'; N 30 14'30"W, 1506.91'; N 60 36'40"E, 452.61'; N 30
14 33' 19"W, 1842.10' to the Southwest corner of Saltaire Village; thence with the Southern
15 lines of Saltaire Village; N 60 58' 58"E, 698.43'; N 60 58'01"E, approximately 628.50' to
16 a point in the Eastern Right-of-Way of SR 1167 (60'R/W) thence with said Right-of-Way
17 in a Northerly direction to the Southwest corner of Carolina Shores Acreage Estates as
18 Recorded in Map Book 13, Page 4 of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds; thence
19 with the Southern Boundary line of Carolina Shores Acreage Estates approximately 1230'
20 to a point; thence with the Western Boundary line of Acreage Estates, a common line
21 with Hunters Trace Subdivision as Recorded in Map Cabinet "O", Page 332, a southerly
22 direction to a point projected to the Southern Right-of-way of SR 1165; thence with said
23 Right-of-Way in an Easterly Direction to the Northwest corner of Calabash Acres as
24 recorded in Map Book 9, Page 39 of The Brunswick County Register of Deeds; thence
25 with the Western lines of Calabash Acres in a Southerly direction to a point in the Thread
26 of the Calabash River; thence down said river and along the thread to a point where it
27 intersects the North Carolina-South Carolina Stateline; thence with said Stateline N 44
28 37' 44"W to the Place and Point of BEGINNING.

29 Section 5. (a) The Brunswick County Board of Elections shall conduct an election
30 on the same date as the referendum provided by Section 1 of this act, for the purpose of
31 submission to the qualified voters of the area described in Section 2.1 of the Charter of
32 Carolina Shores, the question of whether or not such area shall be incorporated as
33 Carolina Shores. Registration for the election shall be conducted in accordance with G.S.
34 163-288.

35 (b) In the election, the question on the ballot shall be:

36 **"[] FOR [] AGAINST**
37 **INCORPORATION OF CAROLINA SHORES".**

38 Section 6. In such election, if either a majority of the votes cast are not cast
39 "FOR Incorporation of Carolina Shores", or if the question proposed by Section 1(a) of
40 this act is not approved as provided by that section, then Sections 2 through 4 of this act
41 shall have no force and effect.

42 Section 7. In such election, if a majority of the votes cast shall be cast "FOR
43 Incorporation of Carolina Shores", and if the question proposed by Section 1(a) of this act

1 is approved as provided by that section, then Sections 2 through 4 of this act shall
2 become effective on the date that the Brunswick County Board of Elections determines
3 the result of the election.

4 Section 8. The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Calabash may adopt
5 an interim budget ordinance for fiscal year 1996-97, and shall not adopt a final budget
6 ordinance or tax levy for fiscal year 1997-98 until after the referendum held under
7 Section 1 of this act.

8 Section 9. (a) The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Calabash shall,
9 prior to the date of the referendum provided by this act, adopt a fair and equitable plan for
10 the distribution of the assets and liabilities, other than those set aside by subsection (b) of
11 this section, of the Town of Calabash between the Town of Calabash and the Town of
12 Carolina Shores. The plan must be approved by the Local Government Commission. If
13 the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Calabash fails to adopt such a plan by June
14 30, 1997, then the Local Government Commission shall adopt a fair and equitable plan.

15 (b) Property owned by the Town of Calabash on June 30, 1989, and the amount
16 of fund balance of the Town of Calabash at the end of the 1988-89 fiscal year are
17 excluded from the plan adopted under subsection (a) of this section.

18 (c) The plan is effective only if the Town of Carolina Shores is incorporated
19 pursuant to Sections 2 through 7 of this act.

20 Section 10. This act is effective when it becomes law.