



## ***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Jan. 10, 2008***

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**H.3726, Representative Cato**, the Dissolution Legislation, remains in the House Special Laws Subcommittee.

**H.4105, Representative Doug Smith**, the joint resolution provides for an advisory referendum to be conducted at the same time as the next party primaries to determine if the qualified electors of Spartanburg County favor legislation which would make it easier for municipalities to annex unincorporated areas. The bill passed the House and the Senate referred it to the Spartanburg Delegation.

**H.3145, Representative Talley**, this bill would devolve the authority for appoints for certain offices, Boards and Commissions from the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation to the Spartanburg County Council. The bill received second reading but was then committed to the Spartanburg Delegation by Representative Talley.

**S.201, Senator Ritchie**, this bill would allow a city council to annex an area by ordinance if the area is completely surrounded by the city. The cities have entitled this legislation the "Community Unification Act". Remains in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**S.202, Senator Ritchie**, this bill would allow an alternate method of municipal annexation based on certain population density and development criteria. Remains in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

**S.203, Senator Ritchie**, this bill would change current annexation procedures by lowering from seventy-five to sixty percent of freeholders, property owners outside the city limits, who must sign a petition with the city to be annexed and lower the percentage of assessed value of property from seventy-five to sixty percent that must be owned by those property owners. Remains in the Senate Judiciary Committee.