



CHAPTER 66
ARTICLE 42 - STATE FRANCHISE FOR CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE

N.C.G.S. § 66-351.

State franchising authority.

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§ 66-351(a) Authority. - The Secretary of State is designated the exclusive franchising authority in this State for cable service provided over a cable system. This designation replaces the authorization to counties and cities in former G.S. 153A-137 and G.S. 160A-319 to award a franchise for cable service. This designation is effective January 1, 2007. After this date, a county or city may not award or renew a franchise for cable service.

§ 66-351(b) Award and Scope. - The Secretary is considered to have awarded a franchise to a person who files a notice of franchise under G.S. 66-352. A franchise for cable service authorizes the holder of the franchise to construct and operate a cable system over public rights-of-way within the area to be served. Chapter 160A of the General Statutes governs the regulation of public rights-of-way by a city. (2006-151, s. 1.)

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3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 153A-137	(a)	"to counties and cities in former"
G.S. 160A-319	(a)	"cities in former G.S. 153A-137 and"
G.S. 66-352	(b)	"files a notice of franchise under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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