

40:37-203

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES ON R.S. 40:37-203  
(Park police; powers of arrest)

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Introduced March 17 by Higgins (and others)  
Not amended during passage  
Bill had statement (copy enclosed)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 749

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 17, 1969

By Assemblymen HIGGINS, GAVAN, ESPOSITO, DIGIAMMO,  
FRIEDLAND and HEILMANN

Referred to Committee on County and Municipal Government

AN ACT prescribing the powers of members of a county park police system in counties operating a public park or public recreation place pursuant to subdivision E of article 5 of chapter 37 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes and amending section 40:37-203 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 40:37-203 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 40:37-203. The members and officers of the park police may  
4 arrest on view and without warrant, and conduct before the nearest  
5 police magistrate of the municipality in which the arrest is made,  
6 or a police magistrate of a neighboring municipality, any persons  
7 found violating the rules and regulations enacted by the commis-  
8 sion for the protection, preservation, regulation and control of the  
9 parks and parkways, and all property and other things therein,  
10 and in addition [shall have all the powers conferred by law on  
11 police officers or constables in the enforcement of the laws of this  
12 State and the apprehension of violators thereof] *while on duty*  
13 *anywhere within the territorial limits of the county, shall have the*  
14 *same powers for the enforcement of the laws of this State and the*  
15 *apprehension of violators thereof as are conferred by law upon*  
16 *police officers or constables.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to permit county park police, while on duty, to apprehend within their respective counties, persons violat-

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ing the laws of this State despite such violations occurring outside of the territorial limits of the county parks. This bill is a companion bill to proposed amendments to Revised Statutes 40:37-95.41, 40:37-155, and 40:37-262.