

40A:14-106, 40A:14-106.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(County police officers--  
general police powers and  
duties)

WJSA 40A:14-106, 40A:14-106.1

LAWS OF 1978

CHAPTER 69

Bill No. A570

Sponsor(s) Call

Date Introduced February 6, 1978

Committee: Assembly Judiciary, Law, Public Safety & Defense

Senate Judiciary

Amended during passage

Yes

Amendments during  
passage denoted by  
asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly April 24, 1978

Senate June 8, 1978

Date of approval July 6, 1978

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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Message on signing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>No</del> <b>yes</b>

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Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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Sponsor's Statement:

This bill would accord county police  
officers general police powers and duties.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 570

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 1978

By Assemblyman CALI

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning county police departments, **\*[and]\*** amending  
N. J. S. 40A:14-106 *\*and supplementing Title 40 of the Revised  
Statutes\**.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 40A:14-106 is amended to read as follows:

2 40A:14-106. The **\*[board of chosen freeholders]\*** *\*governing*  
3 *body\** of any county, adopting rules for the regulation of traffic  
4 upon the county highways and roads and for the enforcement of  
5 laws pertaining thereto, by *\*ordinance or\** resolution, may create  
6 and establish a county police department and force and provide for  
7 its maintenance, regulation and control. **\*[Such county police**  
8 *department and force shall have general authority, without limita-*  
9 *tion, to exercise police powers and duties as generally provided by*  
10 *law for police officers and law enforcement officers.]\** Except as  
11 otherwise provided by law, the said board may appoint a chief of  
12 the department and such other members, officers and personnel as  
13 shall be deemed necessary, determine their terms of office, fix their  
14 compensation and prescribe their powers, functions and duties.  
15 The said board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
16 for the government of the department and force and for the disci-  
17 pline of its members.

1 *\*2. (New section) The governing body of any first class county*  
2 *according to the 1970 Federal census may, by ordinance or resolu-*  
3 *tion, provide that the county police department and force shall*  
4 *have general authority, without limitation, to exercise police powers*  
5 *and duties as generally provided by law for police officers and law*  
6 *enforcement officers, provided, however, that no such grant of*  
7 *general authority shall apply to officers appointed pursuant to*

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

8 *R. S. 40:37-154 as county park policemen. All county police depart-*  
9 *ments shall provide the same training for their officers as is pro-*  
10 *vided for regular municipal police officers, and no county police*  
11 *officer shall operate under a grant of general authority unless and*  
12 *until he has received such training.\**

1 \***[2.]**\* \*3.\* This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 570

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 6, 1978

By Assemblyman CALI

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning county police departments, and amending  
N. J. S. 40A:14-106.

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

1 1. N. J. S. 40A:14-106 is amended to read as follows:  
2 40A:14-106. The board of chosen freeholders of any county,  
3 adopting rules for the regulation of traffic upon the county high-  
4 ways and roads and for the enforcement of laws pertaining thereto,  
5 by resolution, may create and establish a county police department  
6 and force and provide for its maintenance, regulation and control.  
7 *Such county police department and force shall have general au-*  
8 *thority, without limitation, to exercise police powers and duties*  
9 *as generally provided by law for police officers and law enforcement*  
10 *officers.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the said board may  
11 appoint a chief of the department and such other members, officers  
12 and personnel as shall be deemed necessary, determine their terms  
13 of office, fix their compensation and prescribe their powers, func-  
14 tions and duties. The said board shall adopt and promulgate rules  
15 and regulations for the government of the department and force  
16 and for the discipline of its members.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would accord county police officers general police powers and duties.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 570**

with Assembly committee amendments

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: APRIL 17, 1978

As amended by the committee, the bill provides that the governing body of any first class county according to the 1970 federal census may, by ordinance or resolution, accord county police officers general police powers and duties. No such general authority will extend to county park policemen, and all county police officers must receive the same training as provided to municipal police officers before they can receive such a grant of authority.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 570

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED APRIL 17, 1978

Amend page 1, title, line 1, omit "and".

Amend page 1, title, line 2, after "40A:14-106", insert "and supplementing Title 40 of the Revised Statutes".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 2, omit "board of chosen freeholders", insert "governing body".

Amend page 1, section 1, line 5, after "by", insert "ordinance or".

Amend page 1, section 1, lines 7-9, omit in entirety.

Amend page 1, section 1, line 10, omit "officers."

Amend page 1, section 1, after line 16, insert new section 2 as follows:

"2. (New section) The governing body of any first class county according to the 1970 Federal census may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that the county police department and force shall have general authority, without limitation, to exercise police powers and duties as generally provided by law for police officers and law enforcement officers, provided, however, that no such grant of general authority shall apply to officers appointed pursuant to R. S. 40:37-154 as county park policemen. All county police departments shall provide the same training for their officers as is provided for regular municipal police officers, and no county police officer shall operate under a grant of general authority unless and until he has received such training."

Amend page 1, section 2, line 1, omit "2.", insert "3."

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JULY 6, 1978

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law A-570, sponsored by Assemblyman John Cali (D-Hudson) which grants county police officers general police powers and duties.

The legislation allows the county police department of any first class county to exercise police powers and duties as generally provided for police officers and law enforcement officers. The bill specifically excludes county park policemen.

In addition, it provides that all county police officers receive the same training as regular municipal police officers before being allowed to exercise these new powers.

The legislation is needed to allow county police to patrol state roads. Union and Bergen are the only counties with county police departments.

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