

§ 77-89.10. Enforcement.

(a) If a joint resolution so provides, all law enforcement officers (or any officers designated in the joint resolution) with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area, including any applicable ordinances or regulations adopted by local governments.

(b) Unless a joint resolution provides to the contrary, all courts in the four counties, within the limits of their subject matter jurisdiction, have concurrent jurisdiction as to all criminal offenses arising within the boundaries of Lake Norman and its shoreline area.

(c) If a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area is performing duties relating to the enforcement of the laws on Lake Norman or in its shoreline area, officer also has any extra-territorial jurisdiction that is necessary to perform these duties. These duties include any of the following:

- (1) Investigations of crimes an officer reasonably believes have been, or are about to be, committed within the area.
- (2) Traversing by reasonable routes from one portion of the area to another portion even if the route is not contained within the area.
- (3) Conducting prisoners in custody to a court or detention facility even if the court or facility is not within the area.
- (4) Execution of process connected with any criminal offense alleged to have been committed within the area. This subdivision, however, does not apply beyond the boundaries of the four counties.
- (5) Continuing pursuit of and arresting any violator or suspected violator whose grounds for arrest arose within the area.

(d) If any law enforcement officers are given additional territorial jurisdiction under this section, this section is deemed an extension of the duties of the office held and no officer shall take any additional oath or title of office. (1969, c. 1089, s. 9; 2025-67, s. 5.1(a)-(c).)