



# SENATE BILL 203: Authorize Skateboard Restrictions/Polk Co.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	May 23, 2023
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sen. Moffitt	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brad Krehely
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 203 would allow Polk County to prohibit or restrict the use of skateboards on any public street or road within the county.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Skateboarding on public streets is not specifically regulated by statute, but pursuant to their police power, cities have some authority to regulate the use of streets. Counties have no similar authority.

Chapter 20 of the NC General Statutes does not address or otherwise regulate skateboarding.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 203 would allow Polk County, by ordinance, to prohibit or restrict the use of skateboards on any public street or road within the county.

The ordinance may specify certain streets or roads where skateboarding is prohibited, restrict use of skateboards to certain persons, require certain equipment when skateboarding, and restrict the hours and methods of using a skateboard.

Senate Bill 203 is a local bill and applicable only to Polk County.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective when it becomes law. Polk County may adopt an ordinance under this section when this act becomes law, but the ordinance may not become effective prior to October 1, 2023.

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