

Senate Bill 504

By: Senator Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

**AS PASSED**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the  
2 electors of Glynn County desire the Glynn County Board of Commissioners to abolish the  
3 Glynn County Police Department; to provide for legislative purposes and findings; to provide  
4 for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) It is the purpose of this Act to provide for a nonbinding advisory referendum for the  
9 purpose of ascertaining whether the electors of Glynn County desire the Glynn County Board  
10 of Commissioners to abolish the Glynn County Police Department.

11 (b) It is found, determined, and declared that the holding of the nonbinding advisory  
12 referendum provided for in this Act is:

13 (1) In all respects for the benefit of the people of Glynn County;

14 (2) A public purpose; and

15 (3) An essential governmental function for which public funds may be expended.

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 The election superintendent of Glynn County shall call and conduct a nonbinding advisory  
18 referendum election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting a question to  
19 the electors of Glynn County to determine whether a majority of said electors desire the  
20 Glynn County Board of Commissioners to abolish the Glynn County Police Department.

21 The nonbinding advisory referendum election shall be held on the date of and in conjunction  
22 with the 2020 November General Election and the election superintendent shall issue the call  
23 and conduct that election as provided by general law. The election superintendent shall  
24 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks

25 immediately preceding the date thereof in the manner required by law. The ballot shall have  
 26 written or printed thereon the words:

27 **"NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM**

28 Shall the Glynn County Board of Commissioners retain the Glynn County  
 29 Police Department and make necessary reforms to answer the concerns of  
 30 the Glynn County grand jury or shall the Glynn County Board of  
 31 Commissioners abolish the Glynn County Police Department and allow the  
 32 Glynn County Sheriff's Department to be the sole local law enforcement in  
 33 the county?

34 Choose only one option below which best expresses your view on this  
 35 matter:

36 ( ) Abolish the Glynn County Police Department and consolidate its  
 37 resources under the Glynn County Sheriff's Office.

38 ( ) Retain the Glynn County Police Department while making necessary  
 39 reforms that resolve all of the issues identified by the Glynn County grand  
 40 jury."

41 The expense of such election shall be borne by Glynn County. It shall be the election  
 42 superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

43 **SECTION 3.**

44 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.