

House Bill 1076

By: Representative Chapman of the 167<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the electors of Glynn County regarding  
2 whether the law enforcement services of Glynn County should be restructured to fall under  
3 the sheriff of Glynn County; to provide for legislative purpose and findings; to provide for  
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; 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 for the law enforcement  
10 services of Glynn County to be restructured and placed under the sheriff of Glynn County.

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 residents 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 to the electors  
19 of Glynn County the question of whether the law enforcement services of Glynn County  
20 should be restructured and placed under the sheriff of Glynn County. The election  
21 superintendent shall conduct such election on the date of the 2014 general primary and shall  
22 issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall  
23 cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks  
24 immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Glynn County. The ballot  
25 shall have written or printed thereon the words:

## 26 "NONBINDING ADVISORY REFERENDUM

27 ( ) YES Should the law enforcement services of Glynn County be restructured and  
28 ( ) NO placed under the sheriff of Glynn County so that all services, duties, and  
29 protections provided by the Glynn County Police Department will fall under  
30 the purview of the sheriff of Glynn County?"

31 All persons desiring to vote in favor of the question shall vote "Yes," and those persons  
32 desiring to vote against the question shall vote "No." The expense of such election shall be  
33 borne by Glynn County. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the results  
34 thereof to the Secretary of State.

35 **SECTION 3.**

36 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
37 without such approval.

38 **SECTION 4.**

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.