

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight offered the following substitute to SB 317:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 8 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county police, so as to provide a method for the abolition of a county police department and returning the law enforcement functions of such department to the sheriff of the county; to provide for related matters; to provide a sunset date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 8 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county police, is amended by revising Code Section 36-8-6, which was previously reserved, as follows:

"36-8-6.

(a) After a county police department is created pursuant to this chapter, it may be abolished by:

(1) A local Act of the General Assembly; or

(2) A resolution of the governing authority of the county.

(b) A local Act or resolution of the county governing authority to abolish a county police department pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section shall be conditioned upon approval of such local Act or resolution of the county governing authority by the electors of the county voting in a referendum.

(c) If such local Act or resolution of the county governing authority is approved by the electors of the county, the county police department shall be abolished 180 days following such referendum. At such time, all property, equipment, records, documents, funds, and other items in the possession or control of the county police department shall be transferred to the sheriff of the county.

(d) This Act shall be repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2022. Reserved."

25 **SECTION 2.**
26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.