



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 524 without my signature.

This bill would add Mono, San Mateo, and Del Norte Counties to the list of specified counties within which deputy sheriffs assigned to perform duties exclusively or initially relating to custodial assignments are also considered peace officers whose authority extends generally to any place in California while engaged in the performance of their duties.

I understand these counties' desire to add additional capacity to their law enforcement efforts, but these discussions merit additional scrutiny in a more comprehensive manner. A number of bills have been enacted over recent decades—and several in recent years—applying this bill's provisions to specific counties, but this is a piecemeal approach that I cannot support.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom