

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB968                            **Patron:** Price  
**Bill Title:** Election results; counting machine-readable ballots.

**Bill Summary:** Requires ballot scanner machines to be used to count machine-readable ballots and prohibits such ballots from being counted by hand for any reason or purpose not specifically authorized for by law. "Ballot scanner machine" and "machine-readable ballot" are defined terms under current law.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No                            **Items Impacted:** N/A  
**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill.

**Fiscal Analysis:** As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as "routine," and does not require additional funding.

**Other:** N/A