Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB968S1 **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