

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 869</b>
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**Research Analysis**

SB 869 provides that the Secretary of the State Election Board may authorize the use of regular ballots as absentee ballots and establishes procedures for the rotation of candidate names on the ballots; modifies the procedures for handling ballots that cannot be read by the voting device; allows registered voters to request absentee ballots electronically and establishes procedures for certain emergency workers to request an absentee ballot within 10 days of an election; authorizes the secretary of the county election board in counties with 100,000 or more registered voters to designate additional in-person absentee polling places; and provides that a county election board, with approval from the Secretary of the State Election Board, may begin the process of counting absentee ballots before the day of the election and provides procedures for securely storing the results.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Election Board officials indicate there are no measurable required costs resulting from the measure. One provision allows election boards in counties with populations at or above 100,000 to provide more than one location for absentee voting, however the permissive nature of the authority does not require multiple locations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.