

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3321
Version:	FA1
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Miller
Date:	3/21/2022
Impact:	Unknown negative fiscal impact (see analysis below)

Research Analysis

FA1 to HB3321 deletes Section 4 of the measure which provides that official election returns for the precinct must include votes cast by all voters assigned to the precinct.

HB3321 adds that the Secretary of the State Election Board may use the Social Security Administration master death index list if the multistate voter list maintenance organization provides access. Additionally, all ballots used for an election must be paper with options for blind or visually impaired voters. Election watchers must be present in-person. The bill prohibits any devices or equipment used to count votes from connecting to the internet. The measure also includes distributing an absentee ballot application or request to a voter with official letterhead under the definition of "absentee ballot harvesting." The Secretary of the State Election Board or any county election board who has documents that appear to be evidence of voter registration or voting crimes shall notify the Office of the Attorney General in addition to the county district attorney.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review and with consultation from the State Election Board, passage of HB 3321 in its current form may have a fiscal impact. A "small" additional expenditure would be needed to reprogram current software to implement the provisions of the measure. Further, County Election Boards may incur additional costs to implement the provisions of the measure. The amount of these additional costs is unknown at this time.

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Other Considerations

None.