

Hand counting of ballots would require considerably more personnel, money, and other resources, depending on the number of precincts, voters in a precinct, number of races on a ballot, and number of candidates in a race.

Staffing for ballot counts by hand would be difficult and a significant expense to counties if they are liable for the cost. Counties currently have a difficult time finding enough people to staff the polls during an election. Finding enough people to count paper ballots after the polls close would likely be even more difficult.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II refers to HB 214 as introduced. There are no prior versions.

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