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FISCAL NOTE  
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House Bill 871

(Delegate Mandel, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Elections - Provisional Ballots - Confirmation of the Status of Ballots

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This bill requires local boards of elections to send a voter who voted using a provisional ballot, written confirmation of whether the ballot cast was accepted or rejected by the board and include an explanation in the case of a rejected ballot. A voter must request a confirmation within ten days after an election.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** Minimal. Most jurisdictions could handle any additional expenditures for recordkeeping, postage, and handling within their existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** State law requires a voter to cast a provisional ballot if the voter is not listed as a registered voter, but has made a good-faith effort to register at a voter registration agency. There are no provisions that require a local election board to notify a voter of a ballot's disposition.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Allegany County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Maryland State Board of Elections, Baltimore City, Department of Legislative Services

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