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House Bill 381

(Delegates Barve and Edwards)

Ways and Means

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Election Law - Tabulation and Reporting of Election Results**

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This bill requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) to make an electronic report available subsequent to an election of election results for each candidate or question voted on by precinct, State legislative district (including any subdistrict), by county legislative district, and for each county as a whole

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal. Any software retooling necessary by the State Board of Elections (SBE) to modify voting system reporting software could be handled within existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** State law requires each board of canvassers to prepare a statement of election results by precinct, for each candidate or question voted on at the election and declare who is elected or nominated for office or whether or not a question is adopted or approved. A local board of election is required to publish copies of the complete election result tabulated by precinct. Results are not required to be reported by legislative district or for the county as a whole. Local boards of elections also have the same capability, but need some technical assistance from SBE.

**Background:** It is the practice of SBE to supply a local board of canvassers with the statement of election results based on the electronic data received by a local board after polls close on election day. The voting system software is currently capable of being configured to report election results by legislative district and by county although it is defaulted to print out results in numerical order by precinct. SBE has produced election results by legislative district upon request.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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

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