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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Greenspan

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Summary

- Specifies that a concealed handgun license qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes.

Detailed Analysis

Concealed handgun license as photo identification

The bill specifies that a concealed handgun license (CCW) qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes. Under current Election Law, an elector who votes in person on Election Day is required to provide proof of identity by showing a current and valid photo identification (must be issued by Ohio or the U.S. government), a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that includes the name and current address of the elector. A CCW does not currently qualify as photo identification because it is issued by a county, and not by the state or federal government. However, photo identification is not required for proof of identity for voting purposes, if one of the other acceptable types of identification is provided. Therefore, under current law, a CCW qualifies as "other government document" to prove identity because it includes the name and current address of the elector and is issued by a county.¹

History

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¹ R.C. 3501.01(AA)(5); R.C. 2923.125 and 3505.18, not in the bill.