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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill does not appear to have any direct fiscal impact on the state or county boards of elections. It specifies that a concealed handgun license (CCW) qualifies as photo identification for voting purposes. Under Election Law currently, CCW is not considered to qualify as photo identification because it is issued by individual counties and not a state or federal government entity. While the bill does not appear to have any fiscal impact, it could potentially reduce the use of provisional ballots, since voters without allowable photo identification or other documentation could use their county-issued CCW to verify voting eligibility and cast a normal ballot instead. However, such situations would probably occur infrequently. According to the Ohio Attorney General’s report on Concealed Carry Licensure Statistics for calendar year 2017, there were 77,281 new concealed carry permits issued and 54,064 renewals over the year.