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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** In House State and Local Government

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Greenspan

**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. The bill allows an identification that was issued by a county to be used for voting purposes, if the identification required both (1) proof of county residency and (2) presentation of a birth certificate, passport, or Ohio driver's license or state identification card. In practice, the most common form of county-issued identification to be used for voting purposes under this provision would likely be a concealed handgun license (CCW) issued by a county. 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 2018, there were 69,375 new concealed carry permits issued and 98,927 renewals over the year.

### Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute version of the bill makes some modifications as to what qualifies as applicable county-issued identification for purposes of photo identification for voting purposes. These changes are primarily conforming in nature, and do not alter the types of identification that are acceptable for voting purposes. As such, there are no fiscal impacts associated with these modifications.