



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 609

131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Antani and Duffey, Ramos, Brenner, Boggs, Dean

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates an exception to the prohibition of an elector's marked ballot being seen by another if the elector shows a photograph of the elector's ballot for personal use.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Ballot photographs

The bill allows an elector to photograph and show the elector's marked ballot. To do this, the bill creates an exception to the existing prohibition of an elector's marked ballot being seen by another. The bill permits the elector to show a photograph of the elector's ballot for purposes of personal use, including making the photograph available electronically to the public. Current law prohibits an elector from allowing the elector's ballot to be seen by another with the apparent intention of letting it be known how the elector is about to vote, except to allow for an elector who is receiving voting assistance due to a disability.¹ A violation is a fifth degree felony.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-25-16

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¹ R.C. 3501.35 and 3599.20.