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2009-10 Issue Summary #5
October 12, 2010

“Concealed Carry Proposal” / “Personal Protection Act”

Background Information:

In the past several years, various proposals commonly referred to as “Personal Protection Acts” or “Concealed Carry Proposals” were introduced in the Legislature. However, none of these proposals have become law. These proposals would permit a person to carry a concealed weapon, except in places where it is prohibited, if the person holds a license to carry a concealed weapon or a valid out-of-state license to carry a concealed weapon.

Rep. Ziegelbauer’s View:

I support concealed carry.

I have voted against the concealed carry proposal in the past, however if you look at my survey results from 2009 and 2008 vs. the results from 1996, you will see how opinion on concealed carry in my district has changed over the years. This is one of those issues where I strive to represent the opinions of the people of my district. Up until recently, my survey results indicated that the people in my district did not support it. Thus I did not support it when it came up for a vote in the State Assembly several years ago.

As a result of the change of opinion from the people I represent, I am comfortable in my role as "representative" offering my support of a bill similar to those previously considered in the Legislature. Below please find a summary of my survey results:

In my Fall **2009 Questionnaire**, with over 2,300 responses, I received the following results: 56% responded “yes” when asked if they would support a proposal that would allow people to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm if they have passed a specified training program, paid a fee, and have no history of crime or mental illness; 34% responded “no”; and 10% responded “undecided”. I received a similar response in my Spring **2008 Questionnaire**: 57% responded “yes”, 34% “no” and 9% “undecided”.

The opinions started to change with my **2006 Questionnaire**: 49% “yes”; 41% “no” and 10% “undecided”. My **2004 Questionnaire results**: 45% “yes; 46% “no” and 9% “undecided”.

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My **2002 Questionnaire** showed a significant increase in support for the concept – 46% support a concealed carry permit; 42% do not support a carry permit; and 12% are undecided.

Results of my **2000 Questionnaire** indicate that 37% out of 3,521 responses were in favor of a concealed carry firearm law while 52% were opposed to such a law.

My **1997 Questionnaire** showed that 37% out of 2,638 responses were in favor of concealed carry. In contrast, 54% were opposed to the idea.

In my **1996 Questionnaire**, only 30% of the respondents out of 2,869 were in support of a concealed carry law while 58% were opposed.

As I have always stated, “I am definitely **open to changes in public opinion**” and believe that the time has come to now support the concealed carry law.

As always, I appreciate hearing from you and the opportunity to exchange views on issues of importance to you.

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