State and Federal Priorities 2021

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Top Priorities for State Legislatures in 2021 (in addition to elections issues)

- **Policing**
  - Tactics, Qualified Immunity, data collection, racial disparity issues, training

- **Census & Redistricting**
  - 2 main issues are delay and use of differential privacy.

- **Immigration**
  - NCSL supports a comprehensive federal solution.

- **COVID-19**
  - Liability protections and restricting emergency powers of governor

- **Budgets/Economy**
  - The issue that never goes away.
Postelection Partisan Control of Legislatures

Red – Republican, Blue – Democrat, Yellow – Split, Gray - nonpartisan

In 2020 - 5,876 legislative races in 44 states

Only 2 chambers changed party control.

Majority of chambers are republican

Democrats have not held a majority of seats in our legislatures since 2010.
Generally – 1, 946 bills introduced in 37 states on election issues. These bills fall into several “buckets.”

- Bills related to vote by mail/absentee (447)
- Bills related to voter registration (313)
- Bills related to cybersecurity, disasters and emergencies (73)
- Bills related to counting ballots, recounts, and audits (139)
- Not hugely popular, but interesting ... Bills related to the electoral college and national popular vote (42)