
LEGISLATIVE ELECTION TRENDS: WHAT'S AHEAD

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WHAT DOES NCSL'S ELECTIONS TEAM DO?

- Answer questions
- Publish The Canvass (*please subscribe!*)
- Track legislative trends
- Encourage connections with election officials



LOOKING BACKWARDS TO LOOK FORWARD

“You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards.” – Steve Jobs



Enacted Bills i

Color	No
Lightest Orange	
Light Orange	
Medium Orange	
Dark Orange	
Dark Brown	

	No Session
	0-3
	4-7
	8-11
	12+

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STORIES OF 2018: ABSENTEE & EARLY VOTING

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



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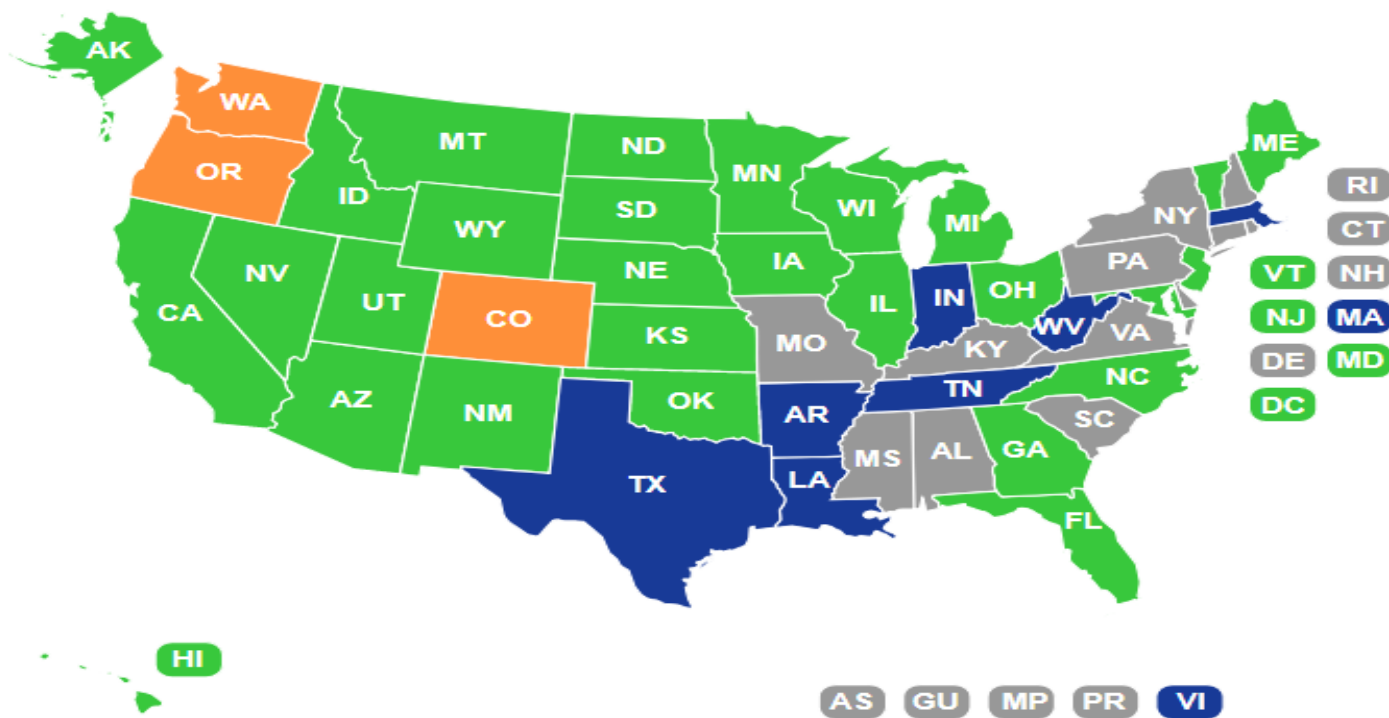
Early-Voter Turnout Surges as Parties Stage Final Push



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Early voting	Early voting AND no-excuse absentee voting	All-mail voting	No early voting: excuse required for absentee
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- 231 bills
- 35 enactments

ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING IN 2019?

- In states that don't have it: expansion
- In states that do have it: Fine tuning the process
 - Third Party Returnees/Designees
 - Return Deadlines
 - Ballot Handling After Election Day

STORIES OF 2018: POST ELECTION AUDITS

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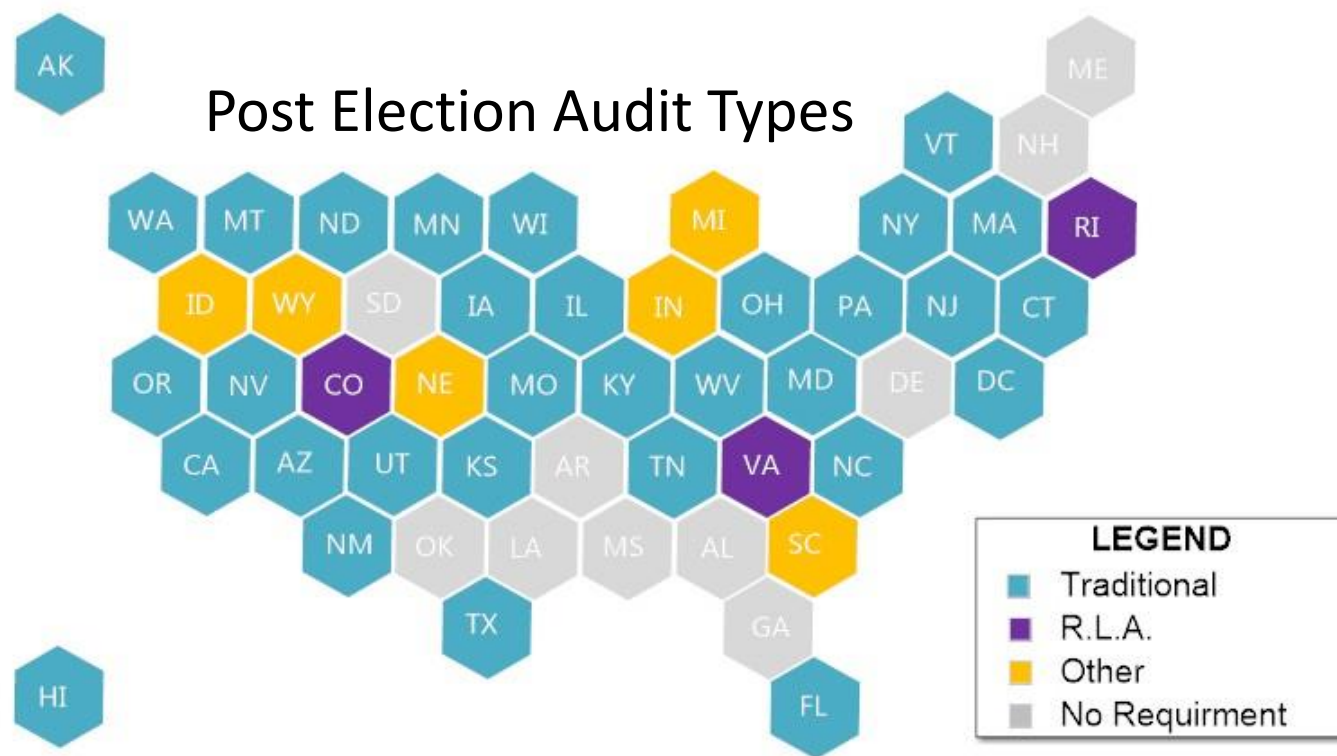
ELECTION INTEGRITY

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GETTING THE COUNT RIGHT: EXPERTS DEBATE ELECTION AUDITS AT MIT CONFERENCE

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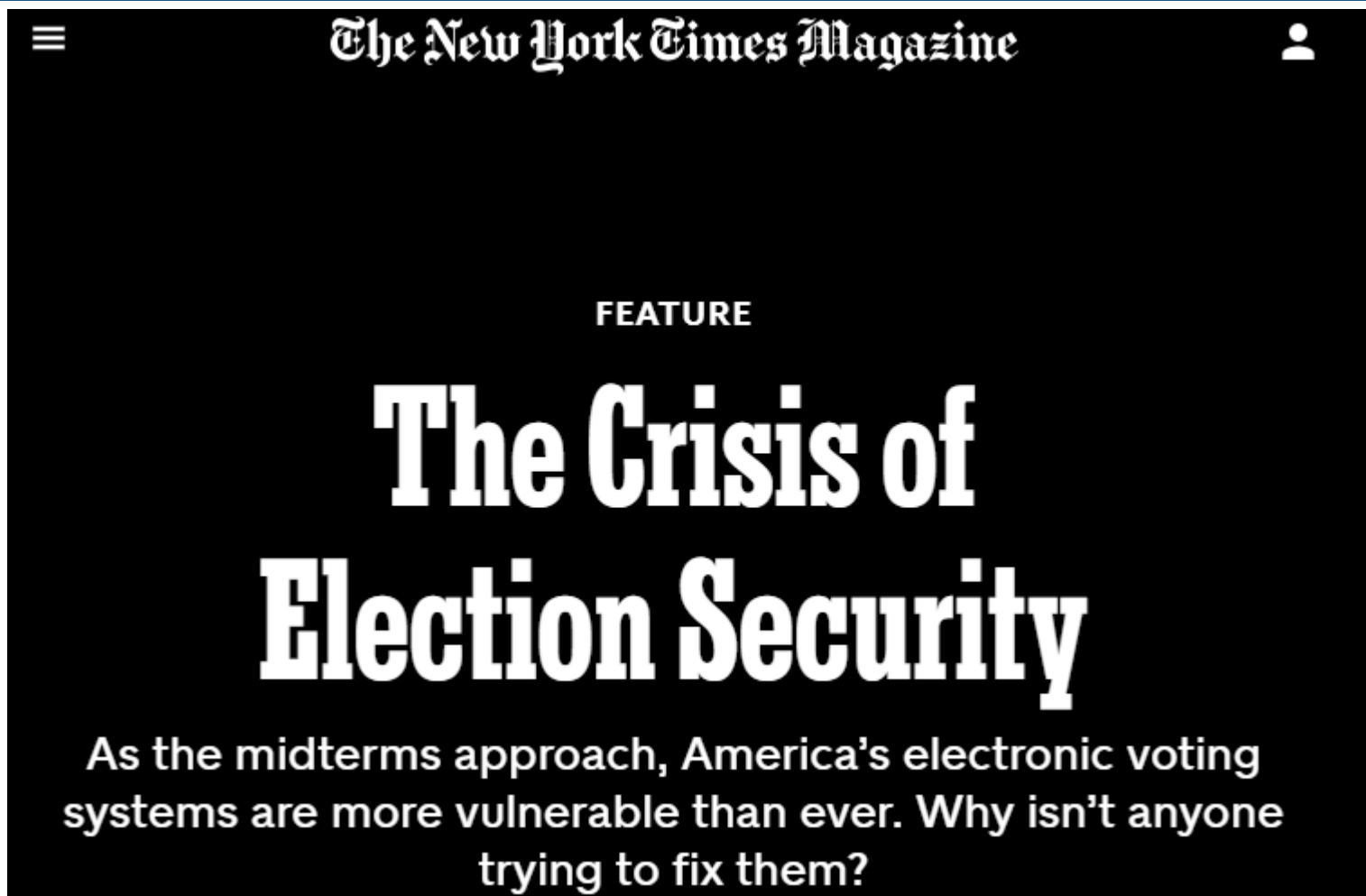
- Regular PEAs
31 bills/6 enactments
- Risk Limiting Audits
7 bills/1 enacted



POST ELECTION AUDITS IN 2019?

- More states adopting PEAs
- More states piloting Risk Limiting Audits
- Recounts & Audits
- Ballot Adjudication/Voter Intent

STORIES OF 2018: CYBERSECURITY

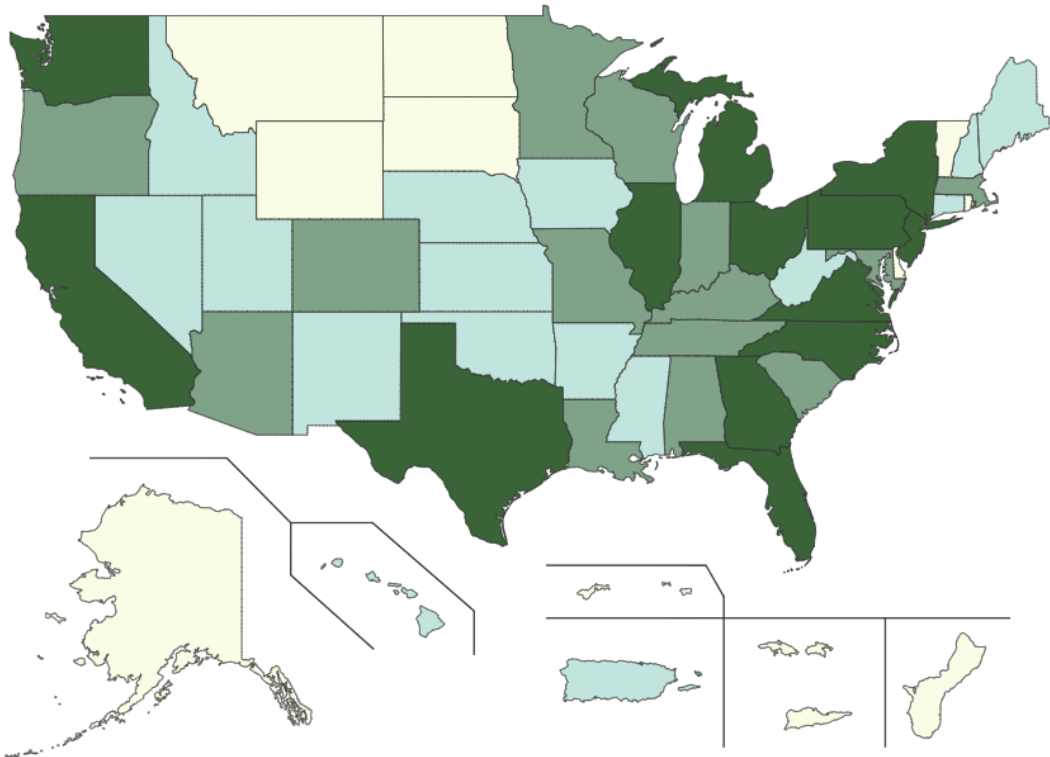
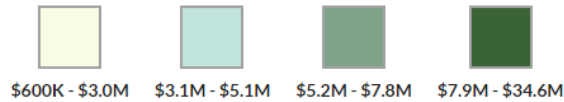


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STORIES OF 2018: CYBERSECURITY

2018 HAVA Funds

To learn state's 2018 HAVA funds info, hover over or click on state in the map or select state in the drop down box and click go button.



NH
VT
MA
RI
CT
NJ
DE
MD
DC

- 7 bills, 1 enacted
- 0 blockchain bills
- 0 internet voting bills

CYBERSECURITY IN 2019?

- More help from the feds
- More training opportunities
- More “table top exercises”
- An expansion of the concept to “Election Infrastructure”

STORIES OF 2018: VOTER REGISTRATION

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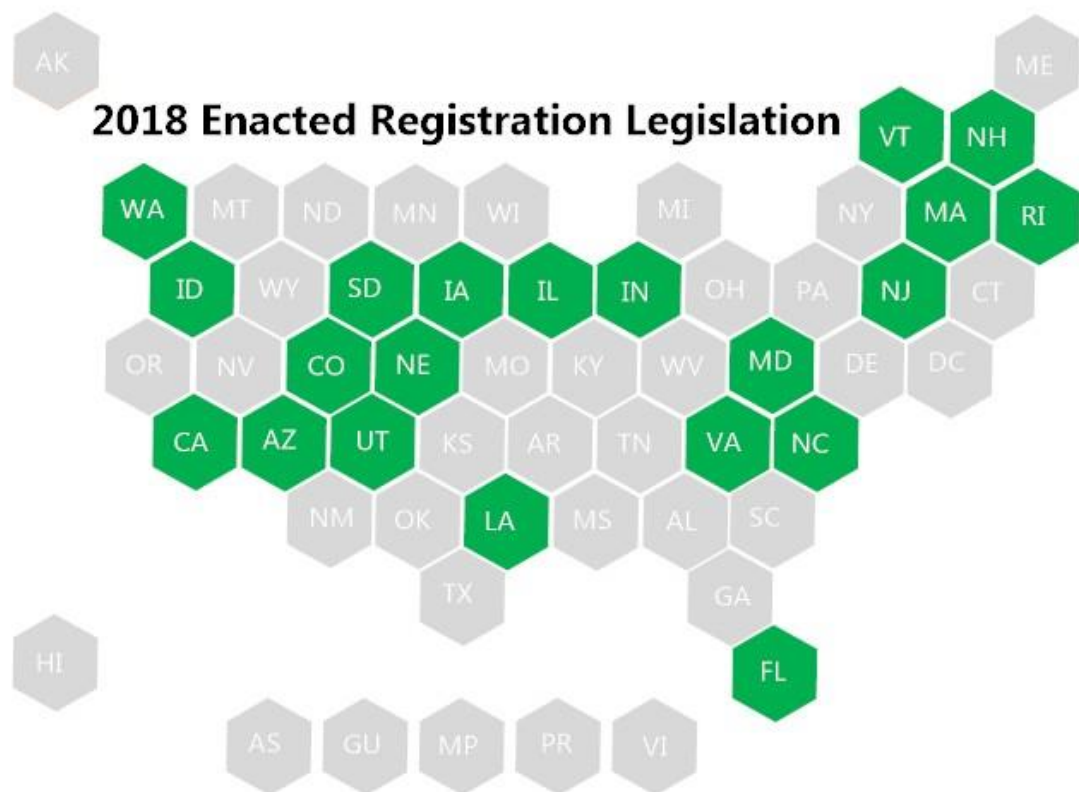
— FIRST LOOK —

Bipartisan efforts to expand voter access in more than 30 states



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STORIES OF 2018: VOTER REGISTRATION



- 46 enacted bills in 21 states

VOTER REGISTRATION IN 2019?

- Expansion of online voter registration
- Expansion of automated voter registration
- Expansion of Election Day registration
- Revisiting how lists are maintained
- More states joining the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)



STORIES OF 2018: VOTER ID

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Most states, including Texas and Florida, now require showing ID to vote. Here's the full state-by-state breakdown.

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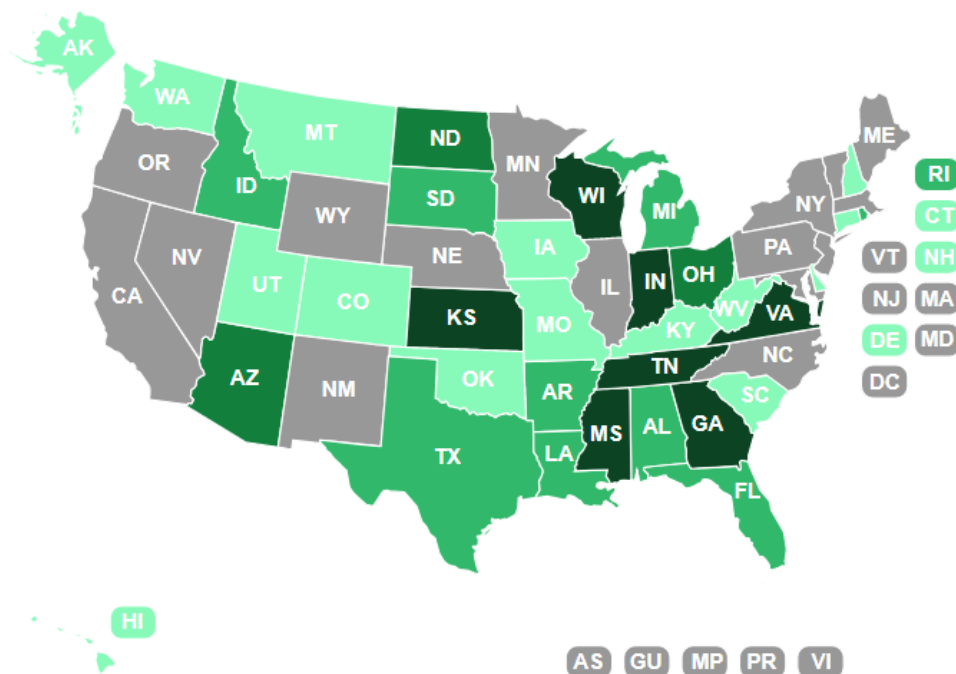


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Voter Identification Laws in Effect in 2018

Strict Photo ID	Strict Non-Photo ID	Photo ID requested	ID requested; photo not required	No document required to vote



■ 4 enactments

VOTER ID IN 2019?


- Citizenship
- Signature Verification for absentee ballots
- Expanding IDs that are accepted
- Fine tuning residency definitions

STORIES OF 2018: VOTING TECHNOLOGY




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STORIES OF 2018: VOTING TECHNOLOGY



- 17 enacted bills in 13 states

2019?

No predictions yet!



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2019 ELECTION LEGISLATIVE PREDICTIONS

With A Presidential Election Coming...

- National Popular Vote Compact
 - Changing Primary Dates
 - Tax Return Disclosure
 - Faithless Electors

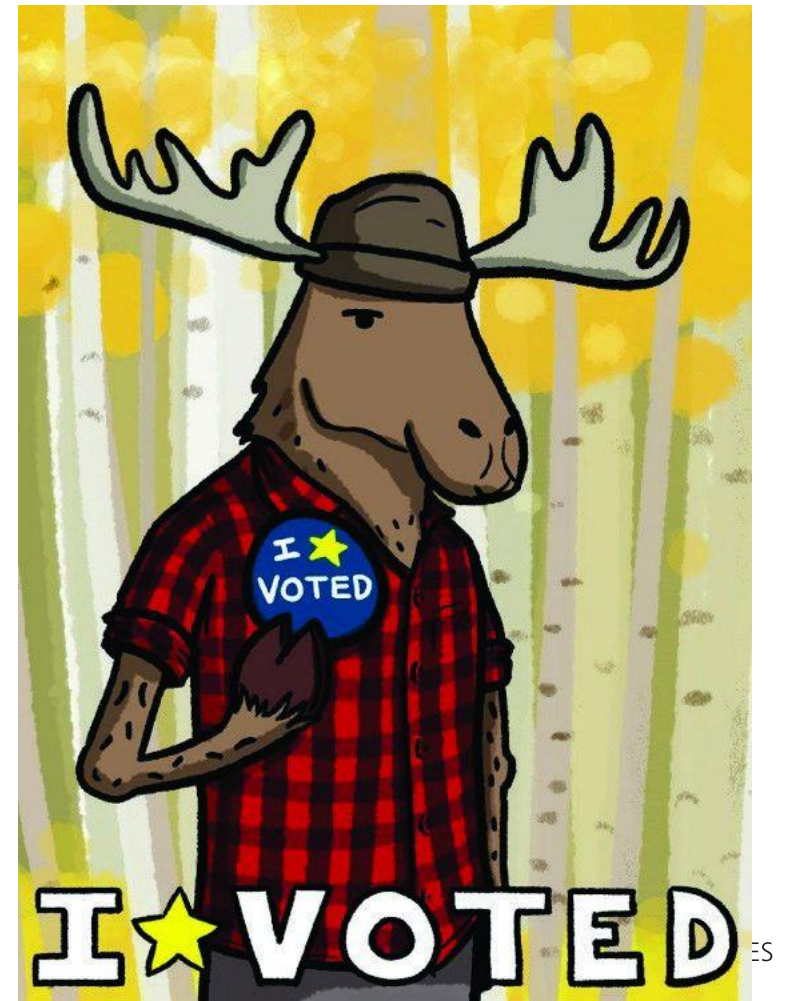


2019 ELECTION LEGISLATIVE PREDICTIONS

And some other potential items to watch...

- Ballot measures
- Ranked choice voting
- Restoration of voting for ex-felons
- States tackling major reforms

DON'T SKIMP ON I VOTED STICKERS!



NCSL RESOURCES

The Canvass

Election Legislation Database

Election Security: What Legislators (And Others) Need to Know

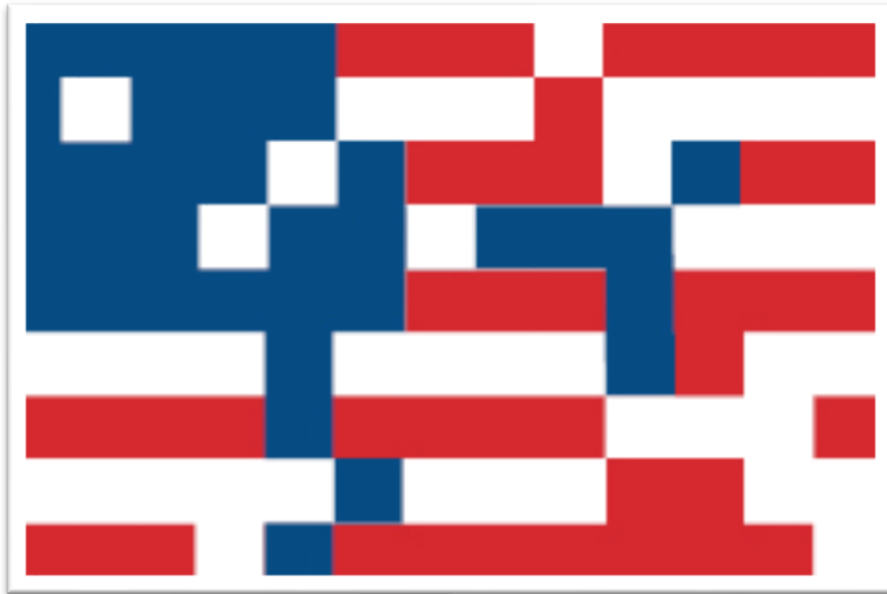
The Price of Democracy: Splitting the Bill for Elections

2020 Census Resources and Legislation



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- ❖ Oct. 24-27, 2019 | Columbus, Ohio
- ❖ May 6-10, 2020 | Las Vegas, Nev.
- ❖ Sept. 24-27, 2020 | Portland, Ore.
- ❖ January 2021 | Washington, D.C.



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