



Election Trends

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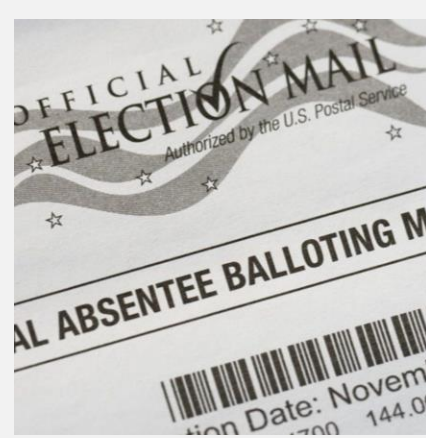
On today's agenda



Voter
Registration



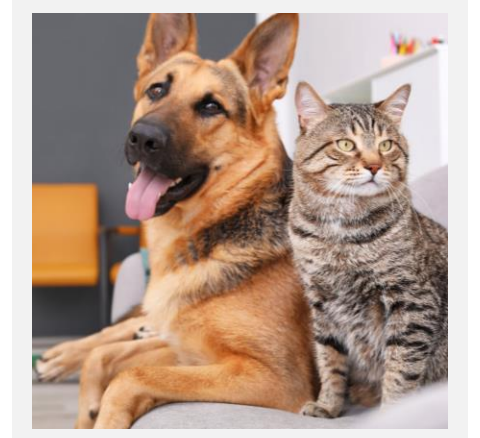
Voter ID



How We Vote



Post-Election
Audits



Cats & Dogs

As of May 17, 2023:

- 1,793 introductions
- 111 enactments

In all of 2021:

- 3,677 introductions
- 293 enactments

2023 Legislation So Far

Voter Registration

Voter Registration Application
Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.

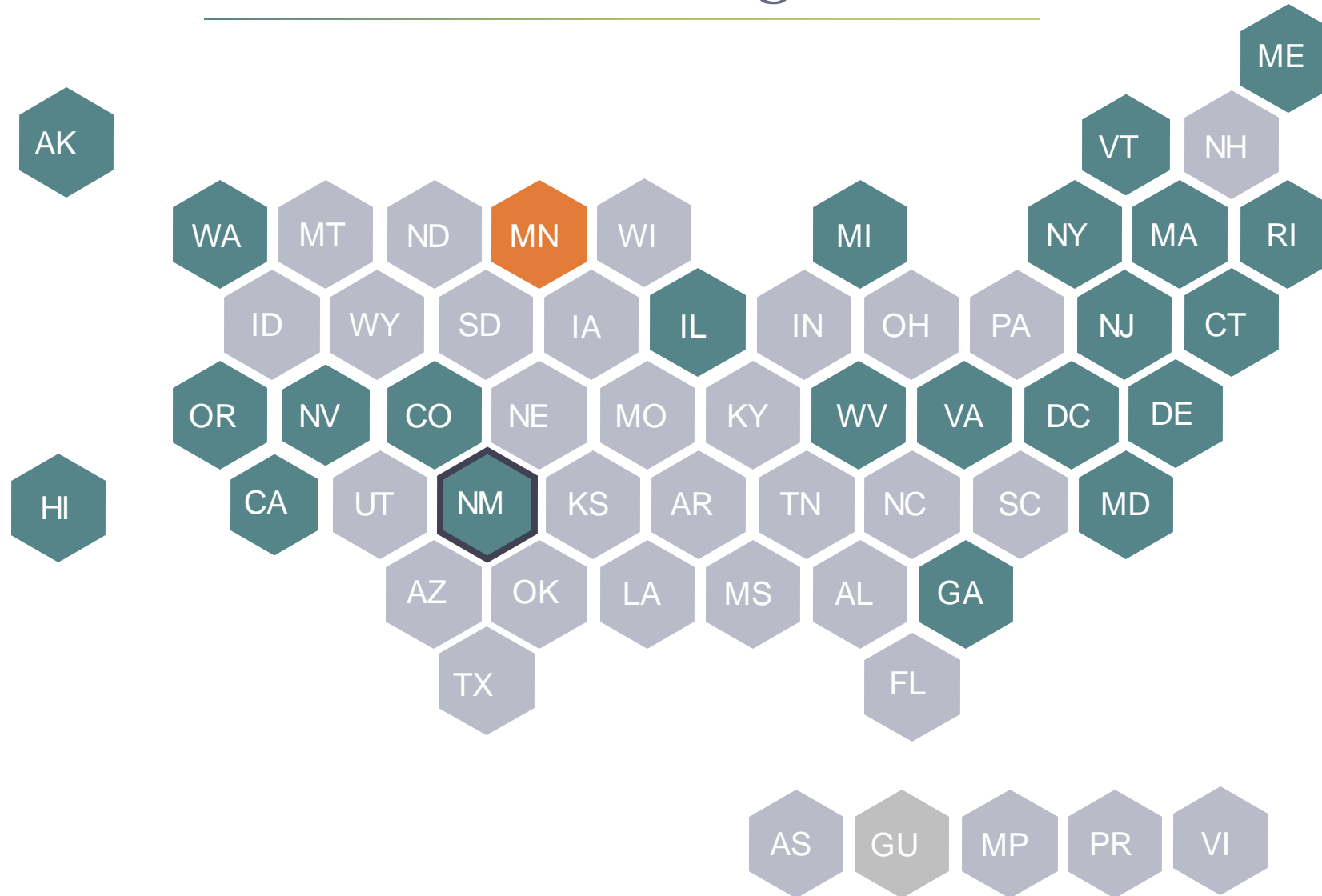
Are you a citizen of the United States of America?
Will you be 18 years old on or before election day?
If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form.
(Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)

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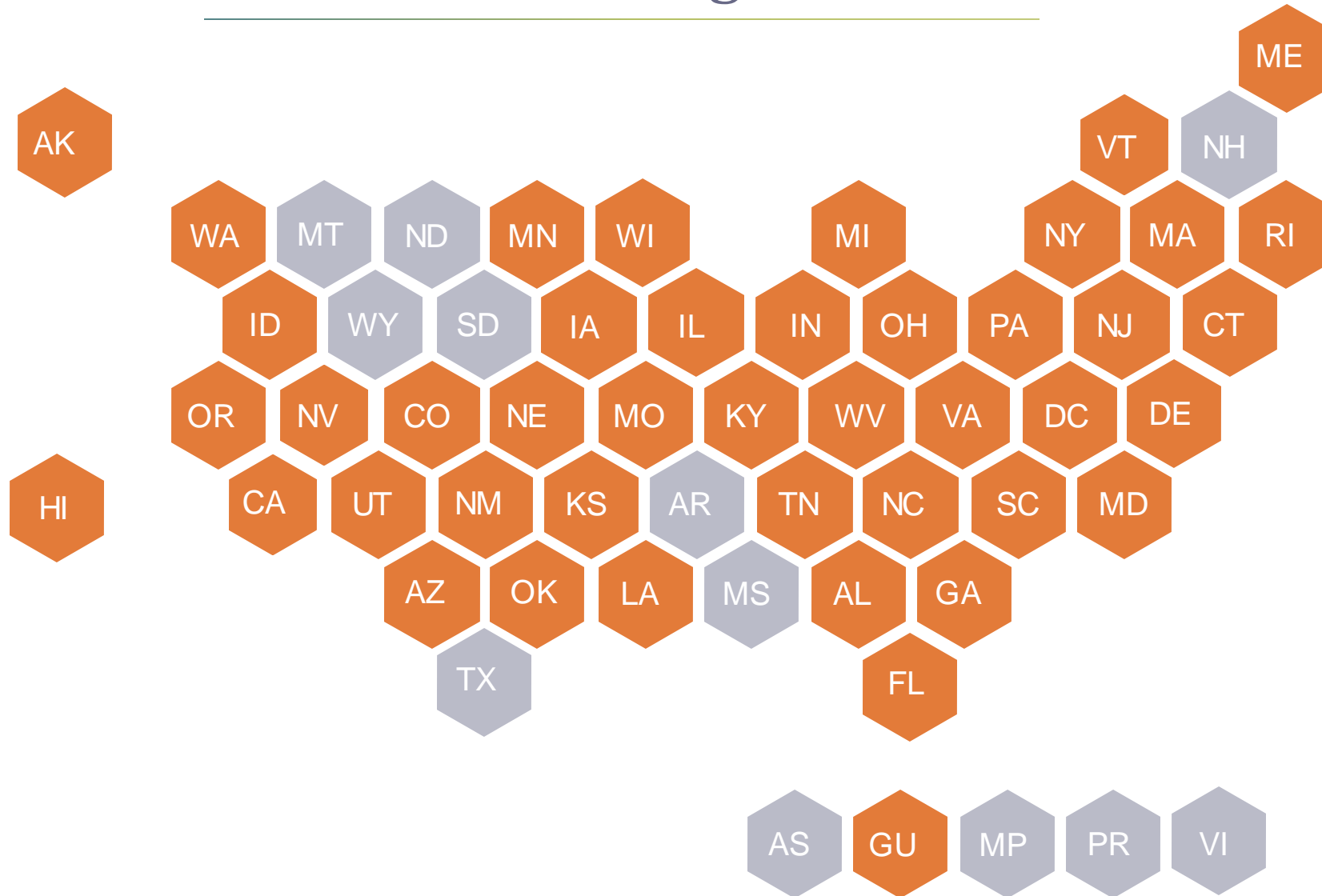
1	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)
2	Home Address		
3	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above		
4	Date of Birth Month Day Year	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town State
5	Telephone Number (optional)		
6	ID #		
7	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State)	Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)	
8	Please sign full name		

state's instructions and I swear/affirm that:
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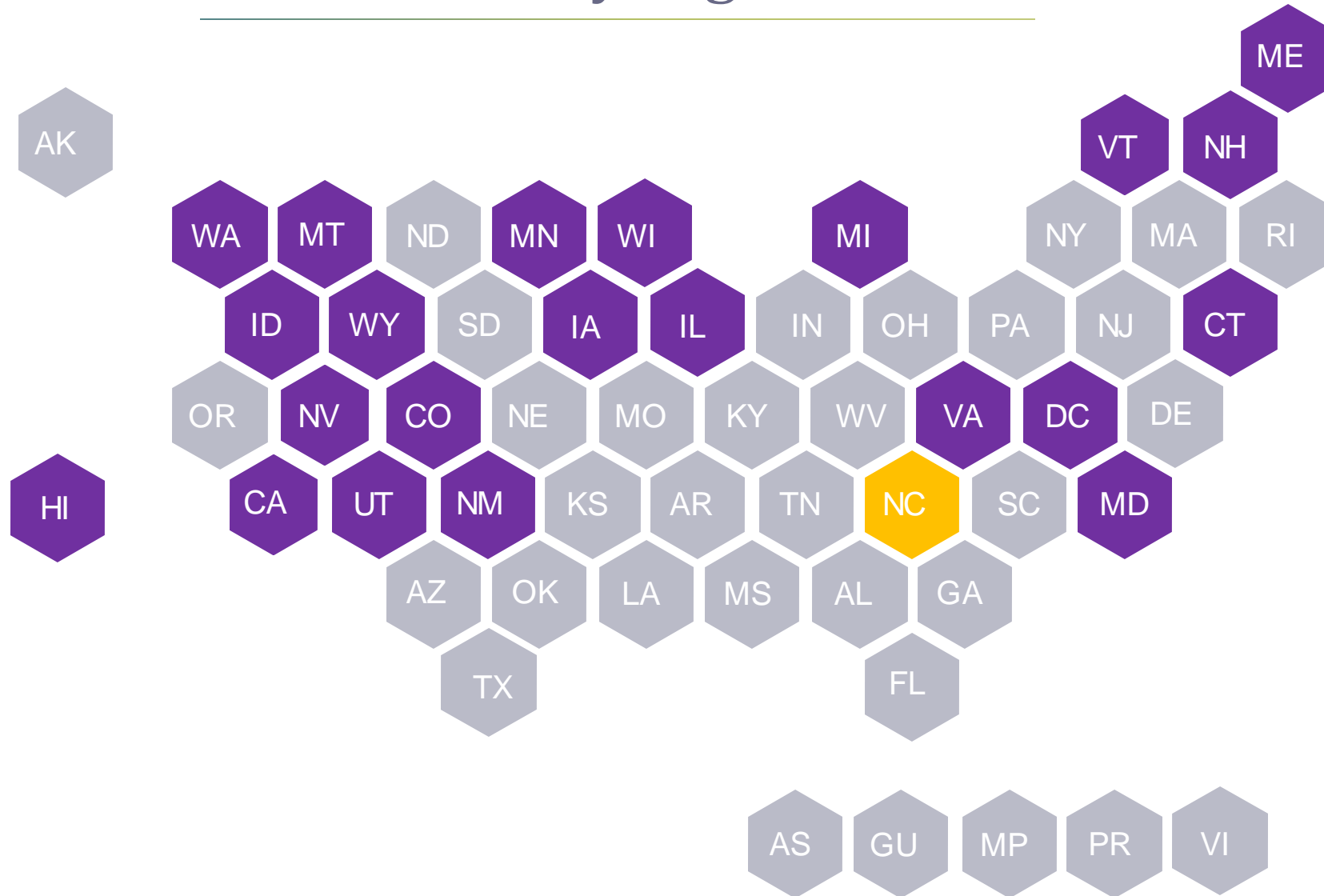
Automatic Voter Registration



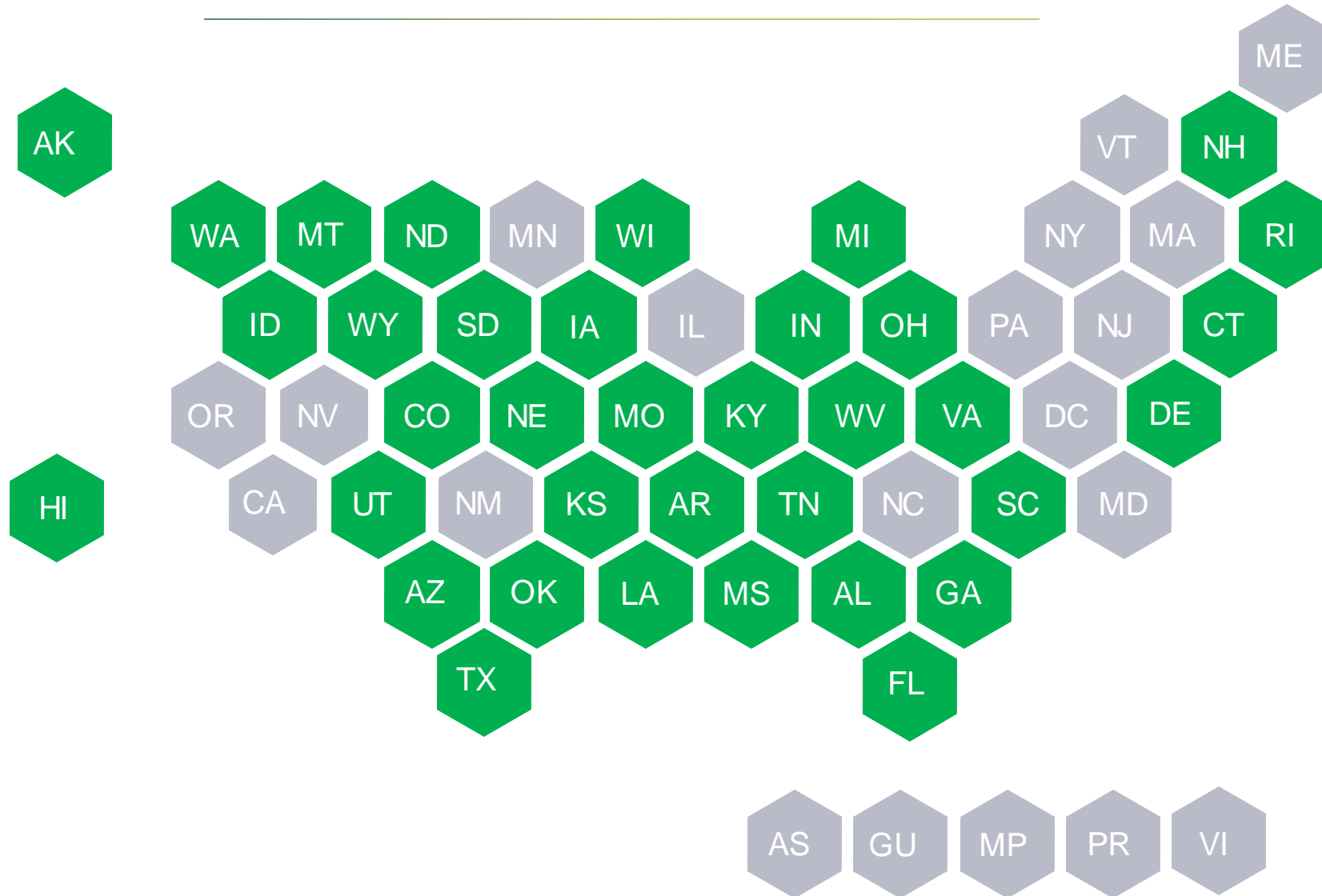
Online Voter Registration



Election Day Registration



Voter ID Laws



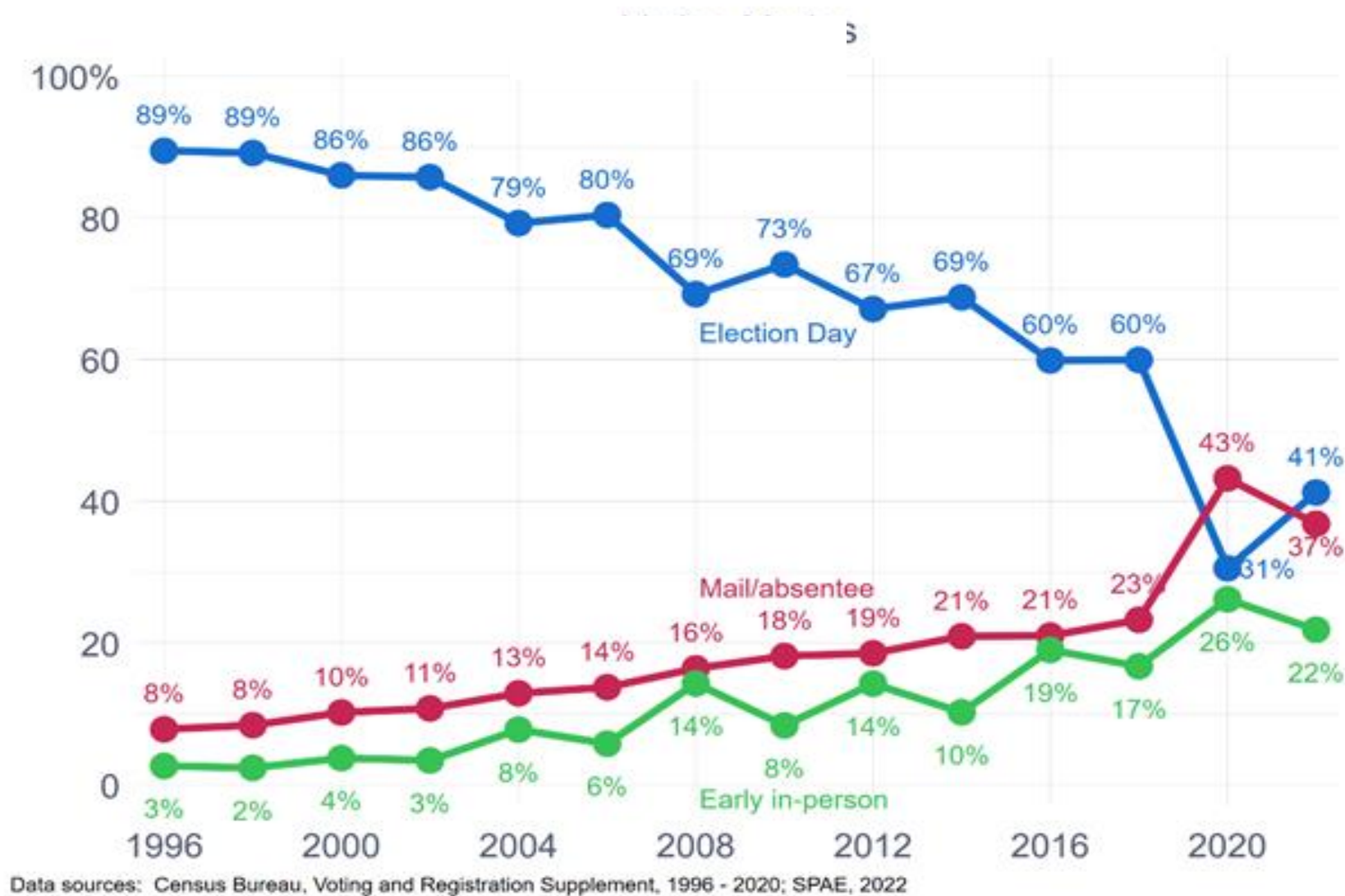
- Idaho: Removed student IDs from the list of accepted IDs
- Wyoming: Added concealed carry permits to the list of accepted IDs for in-person voting



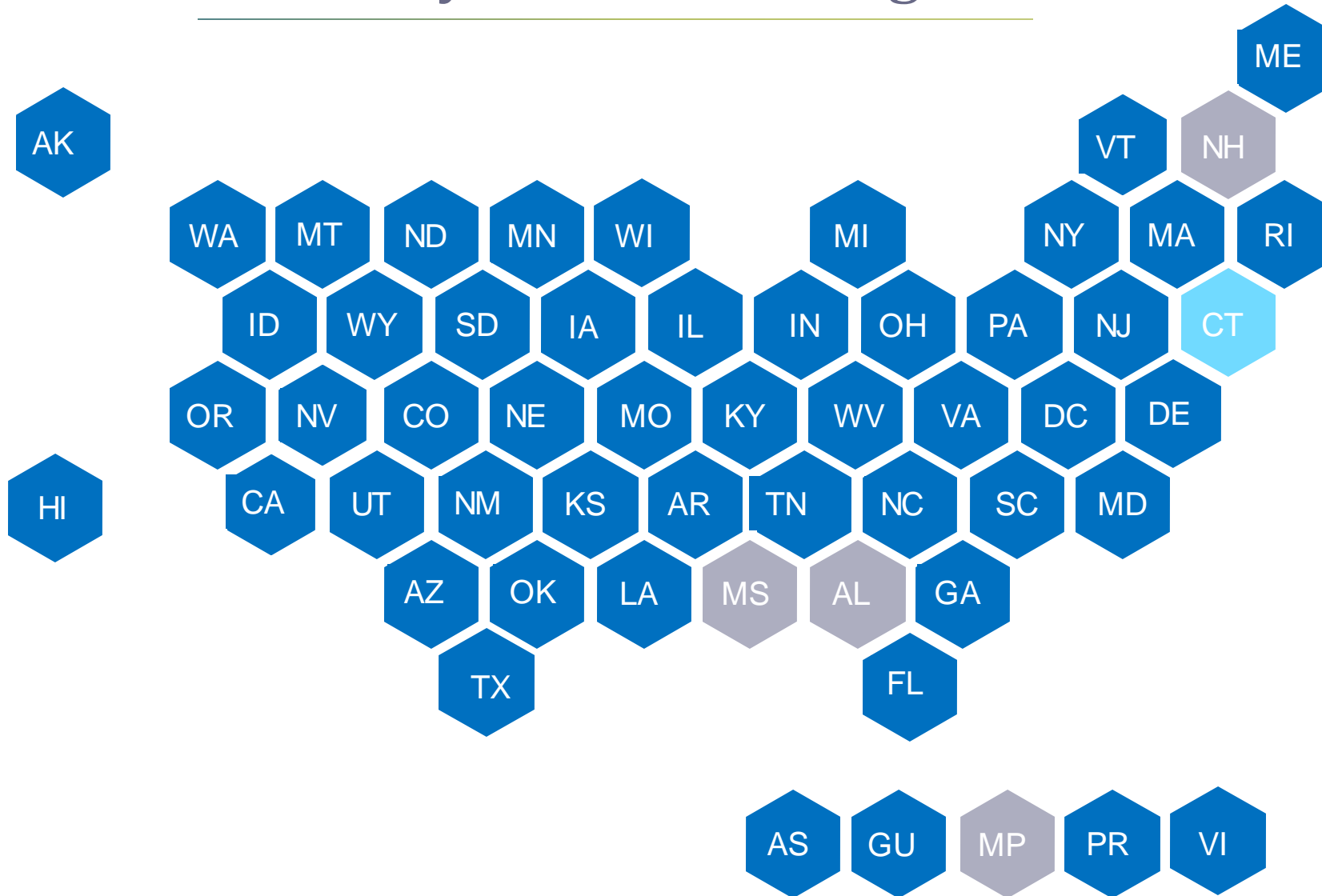
Voter ID

For *in-person* voting

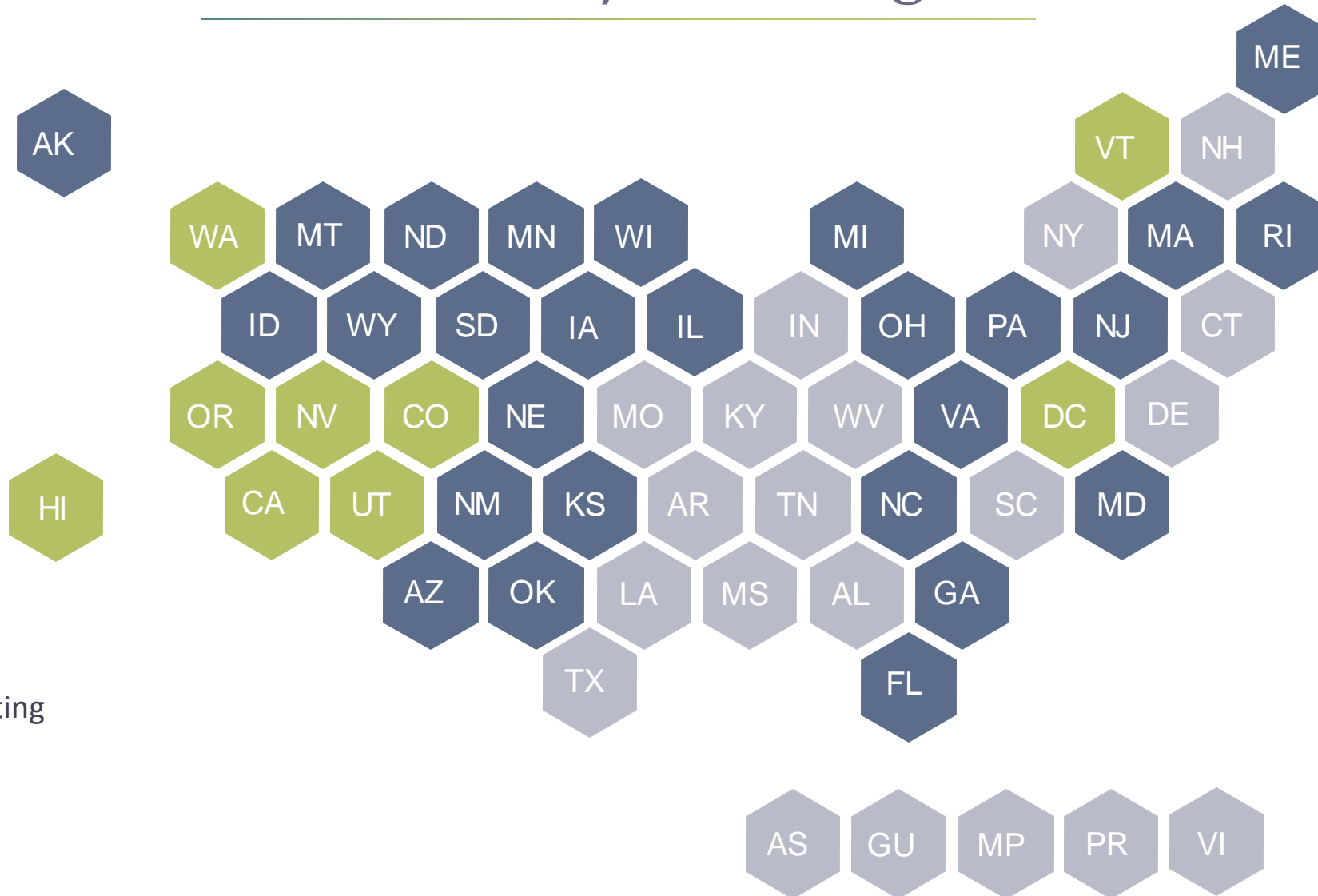
Changes in Voting Modes 1996 - 2022



Early In-Person Voting



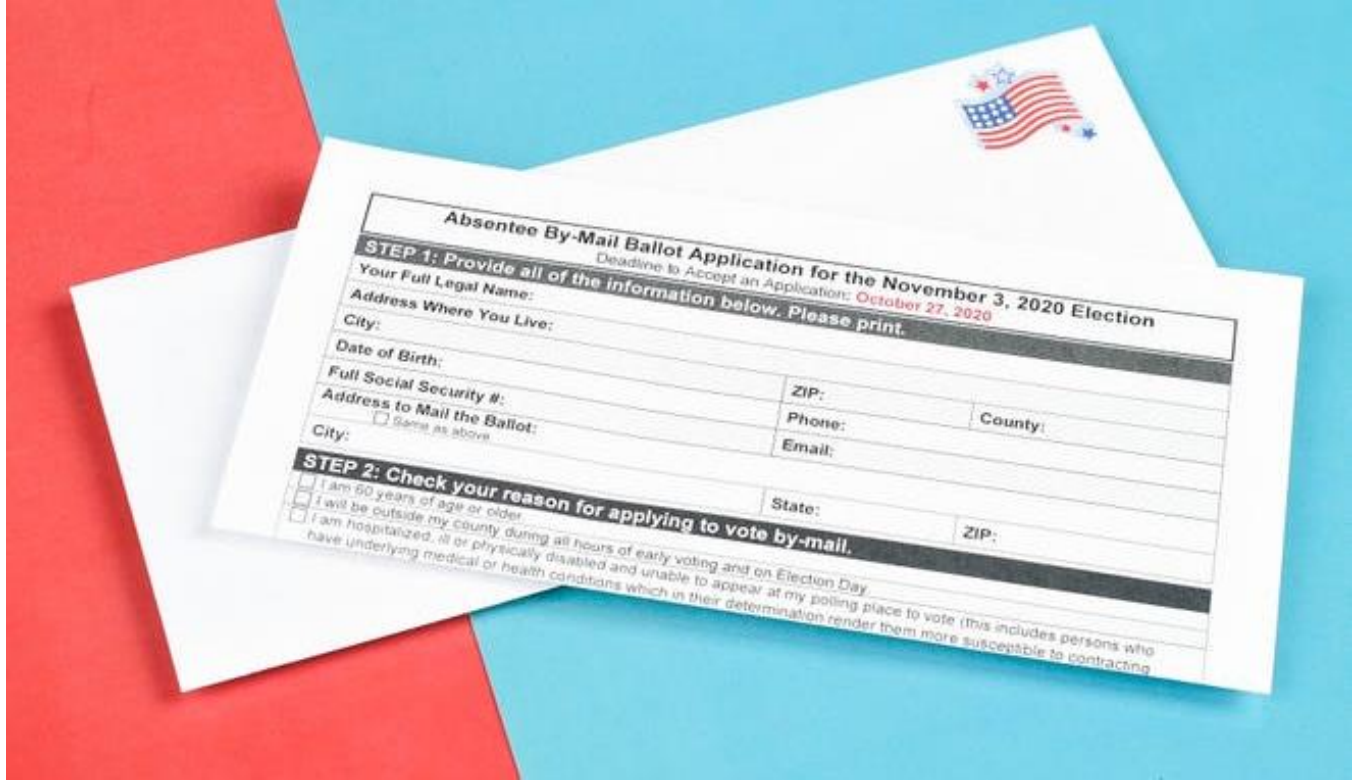
Absentee/Mail Voting



No-Excuse
Absentee Voting

All-Mail
Elections

- NJ, SC and WY: Allowed absentee/mail processing to begin sooner (2022)
- MD: Allows absentee/mail ballot pre-processing
- AR: Allows absentee voting for those with a religious holiday or observance on Election Day
- AR and SD: Prohibit the use of pre-filled absentee ballot applications



Finetuning Absentee/Mail Voting

- MI: Required drop boxes (2022)
- MO: Prohibited drop boxes (2022)
- AR and SD: Prohibited drop boxes
- NM: Require two drop boxes per county
- UT: 24-hour surveillance (2022)
- CO: Prohibited carrying of a firearm outside at drop box sites (2022)



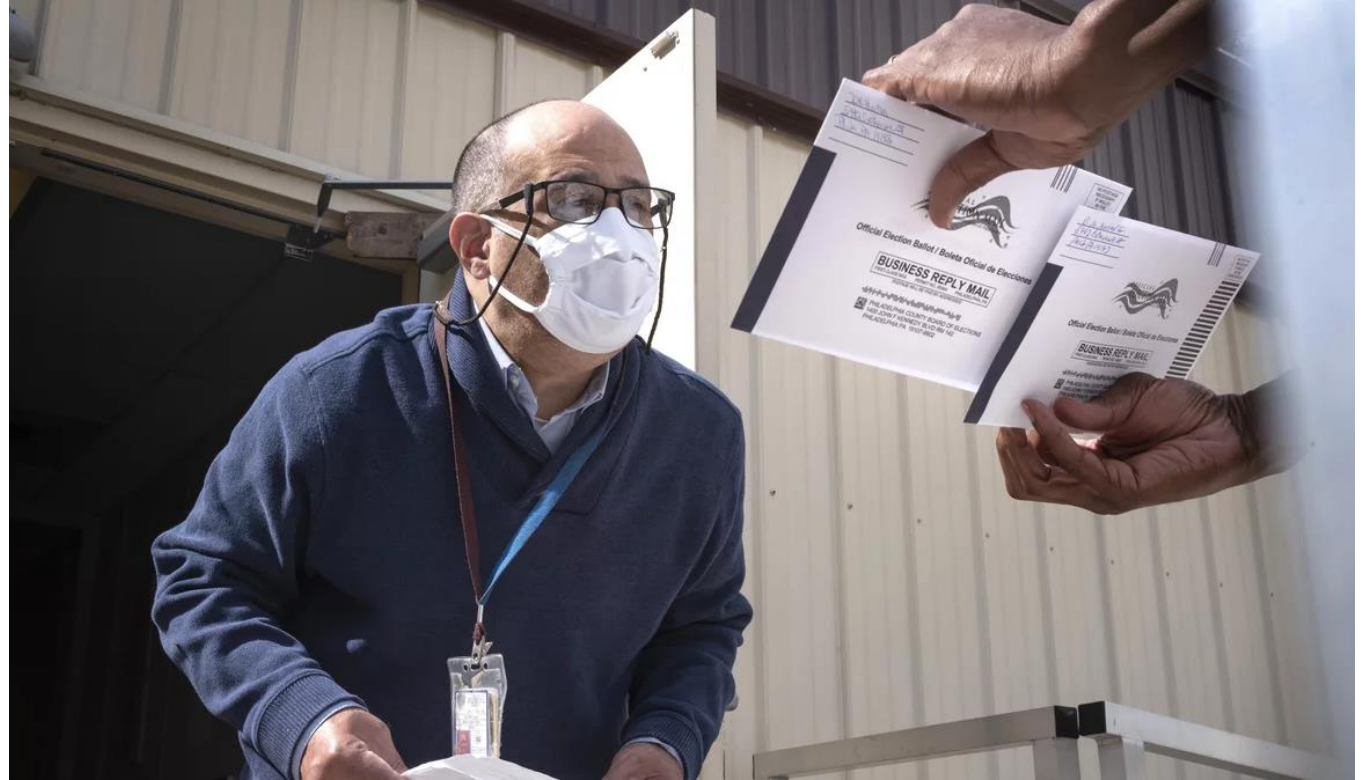
Ballot Drop Boxes



- 45 states have some kind of ballot tracking system
- AZ and NY: Passed legislation to establish ballot tracking systems (2022)

Ballot Tracking

- 25 states allow voters to cure their ballots
- Louisiana: Created a ballot cure process (2022)
- Maryland: Created a ballot cure process



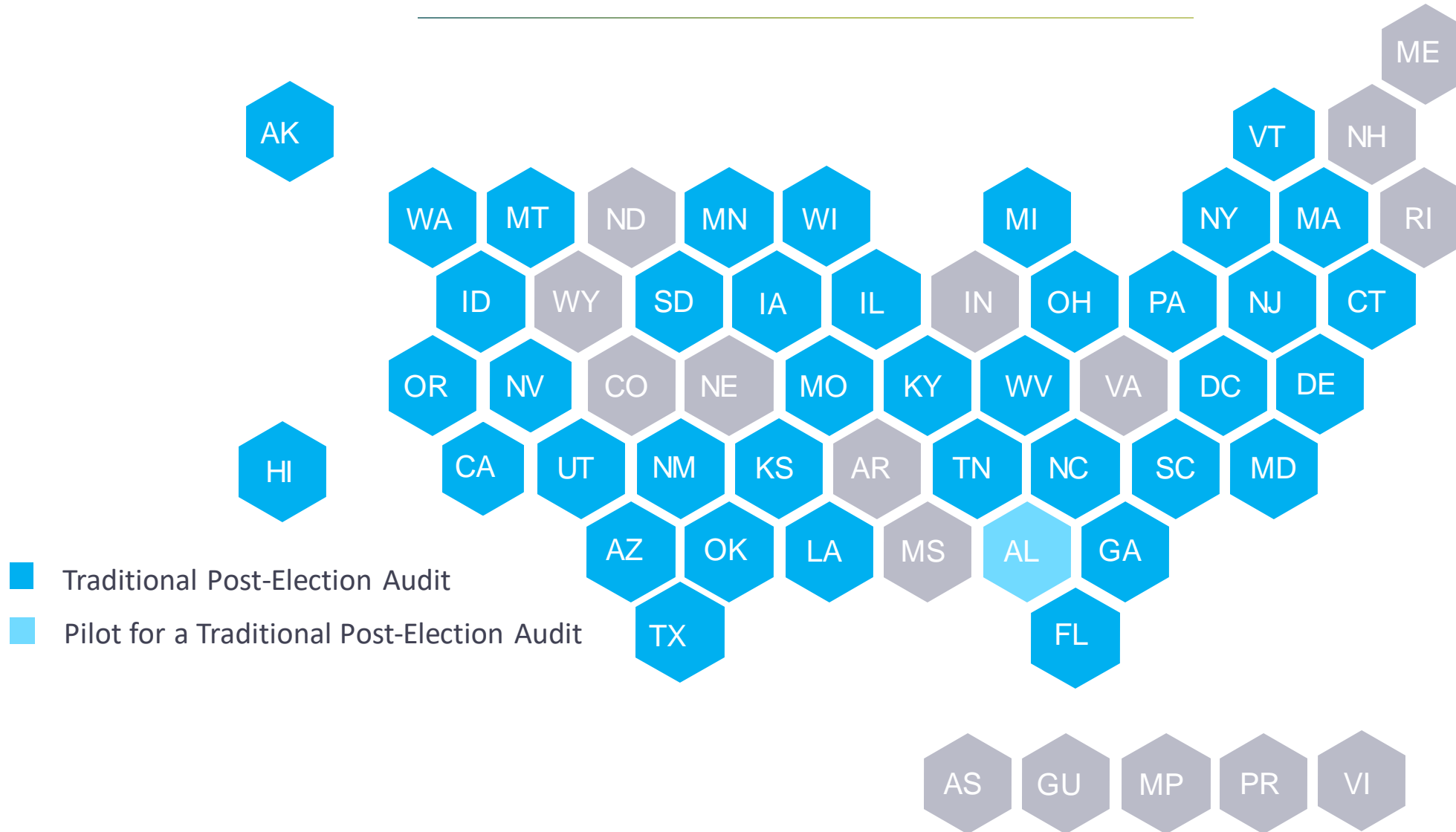
Ballot Cure Processes

A person with long dark hair, wearing glasses, a blue surgical mask, and a yellow shirt, is holding a white sign. The sign has the text 'Audit in Progress' in large bold letters and a smaller instruction below. The person is also holding a small white object in their right hand. The background is a blurred indoor space with wooden beams and tables.

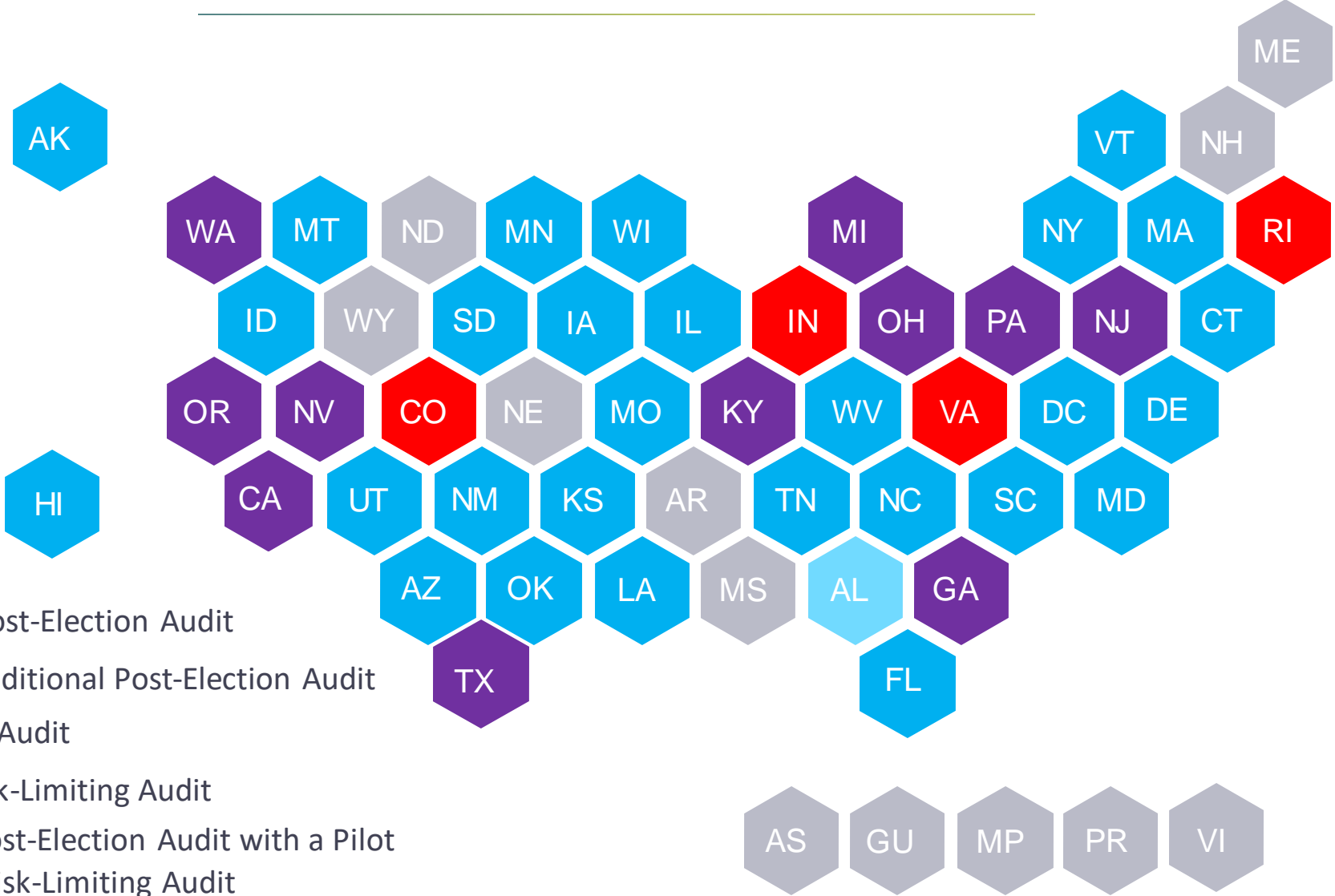
Audit in Progress

All monitors must
sign-in and phones
must be silenced

Traditional Post-Election Audits



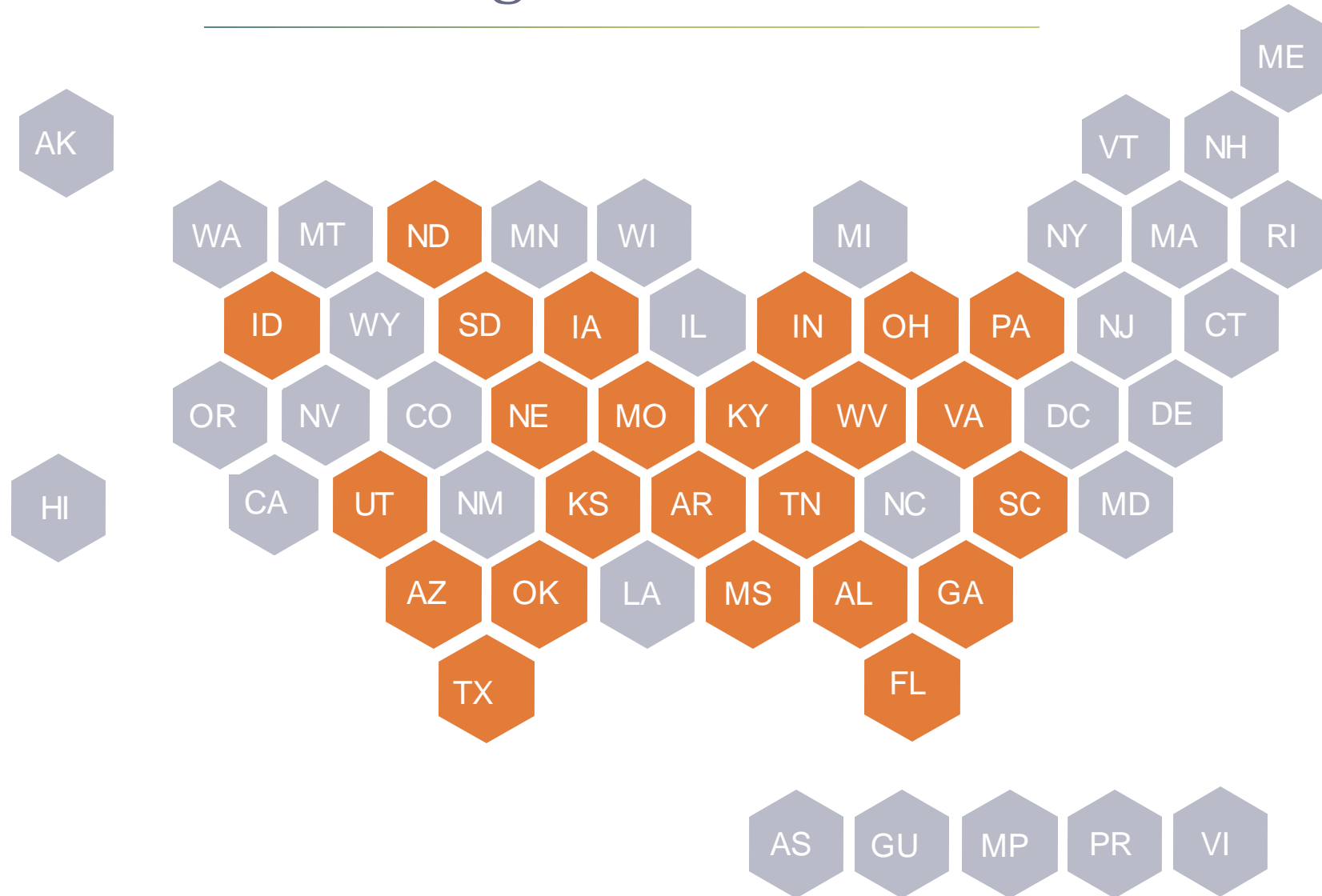
Risk-Limiting Post-Election Audits



- Traditional Post-Election Audit
- Pilot for a Traditional Post-Election Audit
- Risk-Limiting Audit
- Pilot for a Risk-Limiting Audit
- Traditional Post-Election Audit with a Pilot or Optional Risk-Limiting Audit



States Prohibiting Private Funds in Elections



○ Three sources (can be combined):

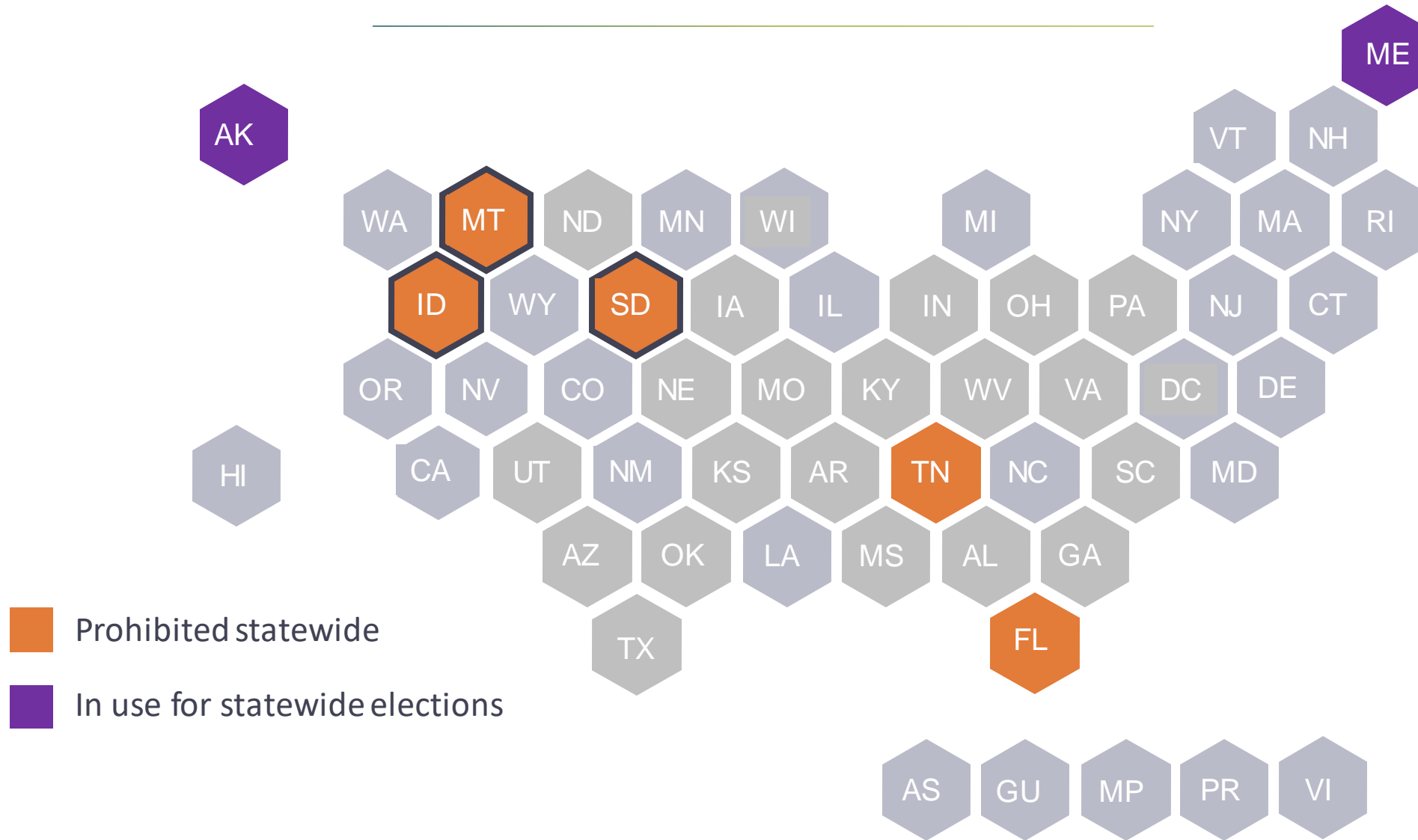
- Local
- Federal
- State

○ How does it work in your state?



Funding Elections

Prohibiting and Permitting Ranked Choice Voting Statewide





- Colorado, Maine, New Hampshire and Oregon: Prohibited intimidation and set criminal penalties (2022)
- New Mexico and Oklahoma: Created criminal penalties for threats and impersonation
- Maine: Required de-escalation training and the SOS to record reports of threats (2022)

Election Officials

- Proof of citizenship at registration
- Voter registration list maintenance to identify potential noncitizens
- Constitutional bans on noncitizens voting
- DC allows noncitizens to vote in local elections



Citizenship and Voting

And even more...



Technology & Security



Voting for Felons



Election Crimes

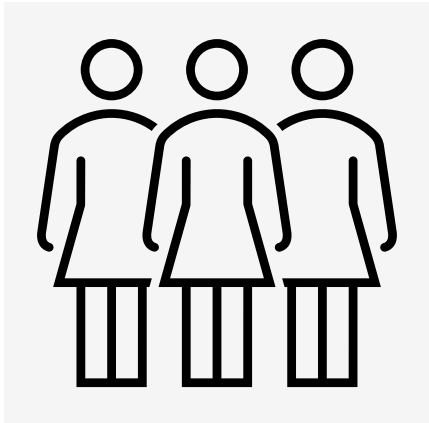


Initiatives



The Electoral College

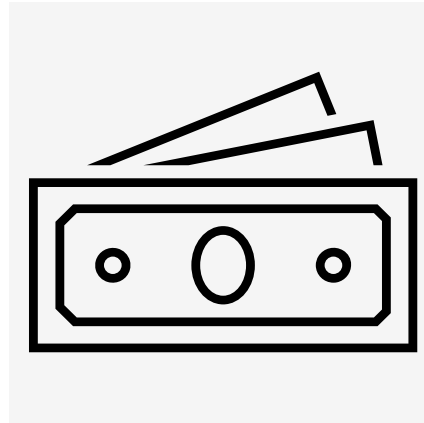
NCSL's Elections Bill Rubric



Voters



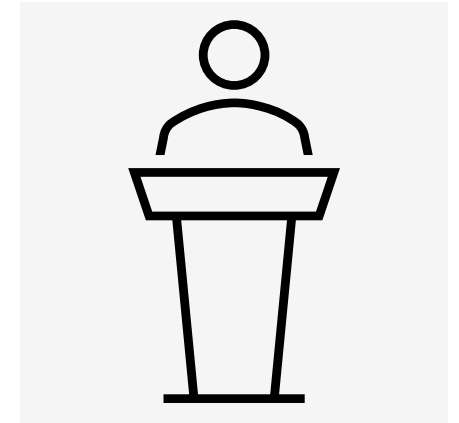
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Security



Politics



Questions?

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