



STATE ADVOCACY

- 1) Lobby state legislature for tax equity
- 2) Join and form coalitions, put NARFE on the map
- 3) Engage state legislators, future
Members of Congress

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Indiana Federation's NARFE Day @ State House in Indianapolis



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Coalition Partners

AARP In Your State: <http://www.aarp.org/states/?intcmp=FTR-LINKS-INFO-STATE>

AFSCME: <http://www.afscme.org/union/directory>

Alliance for Retired Americans: <http://retiredamericans.org/state-by-state/state-alliances>

Alzheimer's Association: <http://www.alz.org/apps/findus.asp>

American Federation of Government Employees: <http://www.afgcio.org/Get-Involved/Find-a-State-or-Local-AFL-CIO>

American Geriatrics Society: http://www.americangeriatrics.org/ags_state_affiliates/current_state_affiliates/

American Postal Workers Union: <http://www.apwu.org/apwu-state-and-local-links>

Federally Employed Women: <https://www.few.org/about-us/find-regionchapter/>

League of Women Voters: <http://lwv.org/get-involved/local-leagues>

Military Officers Association of America: <https://ebiz.moaa.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=161>

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging: <http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare.NET/Public/Index.aspx>

Service Employees International Union: <http://www.seiu.org/local/>

U.S. Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.uschamber.com/chamber/directory>

NARFE Coalition Page: <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/articles.cfm?ID=734>

The Informed Citizen: Serialized “How To Manual”

FEDERALISM AND RETIREMENT SAVINGS

The Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) was established in 1986 in the aftermath of Social Security “reform” that included mandatory Social Security coverage for newly hired federal employees. With the enactment



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benefiting a broader public. Maryland has embraced campaign finance reform including partial public financing of legislative candidates. Virginia’s plan advocates no fault absentee

INDIANA FEDERATION SCORES TAX VICTORY



BY CHRISTOPHER FARRELL,
SENIOR ANALYST

The Indiana Federation's multiyear leadership of NARFE's tax parity campaign in the Indiana General Assembly led to a major victory for federal retirees and survivors. Don Savage, Indiana Federation president, and federation executive officers recruited fellow officers and members throughout Indiana to engage their state legislators over multiple sessions in order to provide tax parity between federal civil service retirement and Social Security benefits.

On May 6, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed an omnibus tax bill (SB 441) containing the NARFE-backed provision. The new law provides an \$8,000 deduction retroactive to January 1, 2015, and a \$16,000 deduction beginning in 2016 for federal civil service retirees and survivors. Prior to this law, retirees could claim a \$2,000 deduction within limiting parameters; survivors could claim no deduction at all.

tisan authorship, introduced legislation in multiple sessions, consistently recruited additional support and encouraged NARFE grass-roots advocacy. Bicameral support came with the introduction of identical language legislation in the Senate by two southern Indiana senators and supportive intervention from two key Senate committee chairs. On February 3 and March 17, Savage led large NARFE groups to the State

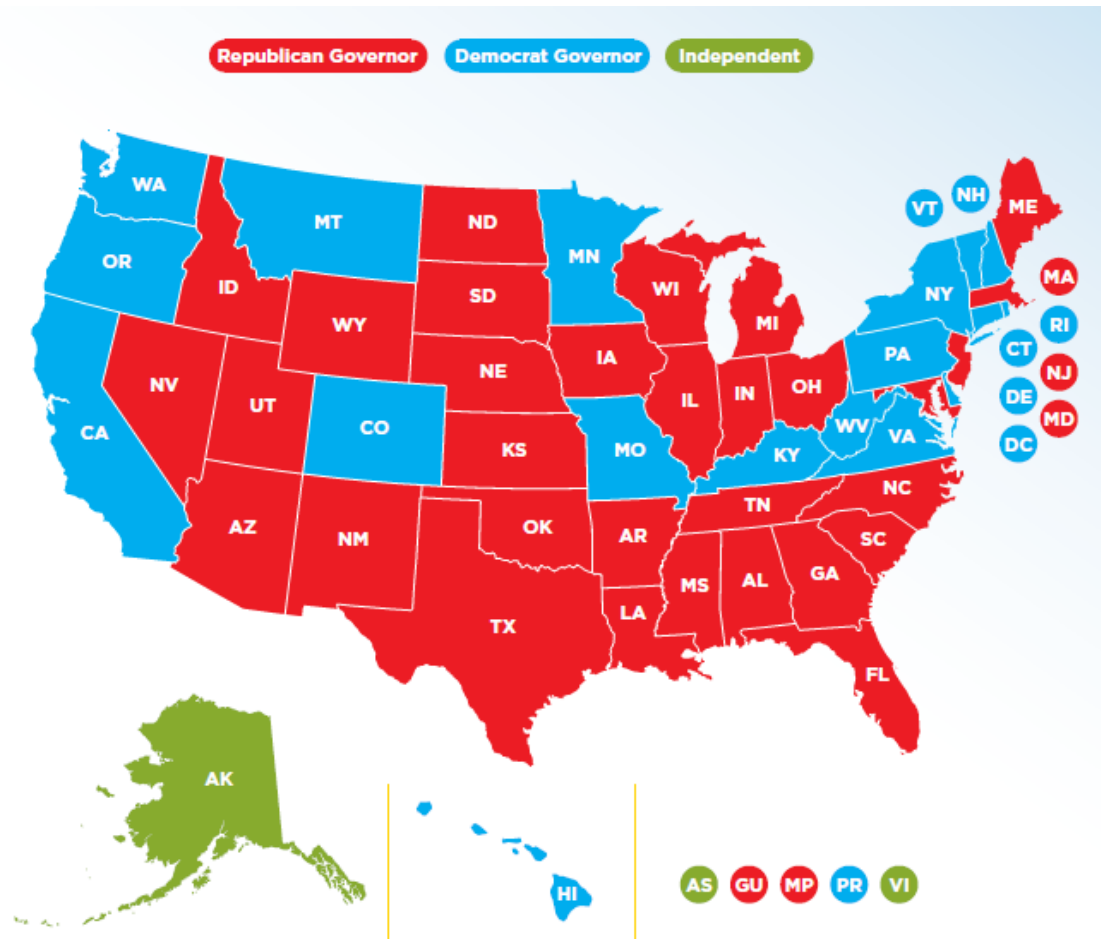
should use enactment of tax deductions as the ready answer to members who ask, "What have you done for me lately?"

Plant Seeds, Record Deeds

In Julius Caesar, Shakespeare wrote: "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." I fear this is literally true of too many NARFE members whose modesty or diplomacy precludes telling the world of their good works. Our successes, major and minor, in legislative advocacy must be told and retold. While NARFE plays defense in Congress, each NARFE member can plant the seed of a mutually advantageous relationship by seeking out his or her elected representatives – municipal, county, state and federal. Be sure to tell your chapter, district and federation

Governors:

Republican, Democrat and Independent



Speaker of the Virginia General Assembly: William Howell



William J Howell

Republican — Delegate — District 28

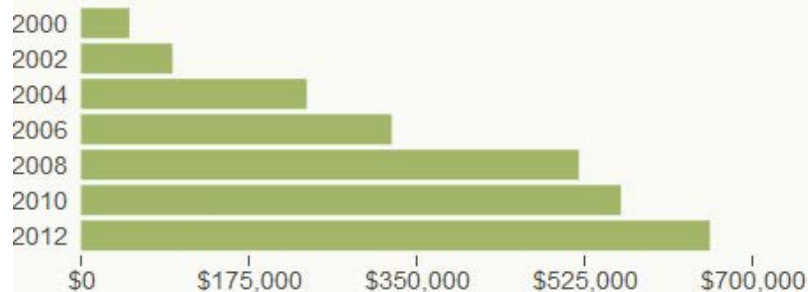
Available Terms: 2009-2011
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William J Howell represents House District 28 in the Virginia House, is a member of one committee, and is the primary sponsor of 438 bills.

Campaign Contributions by Cycle



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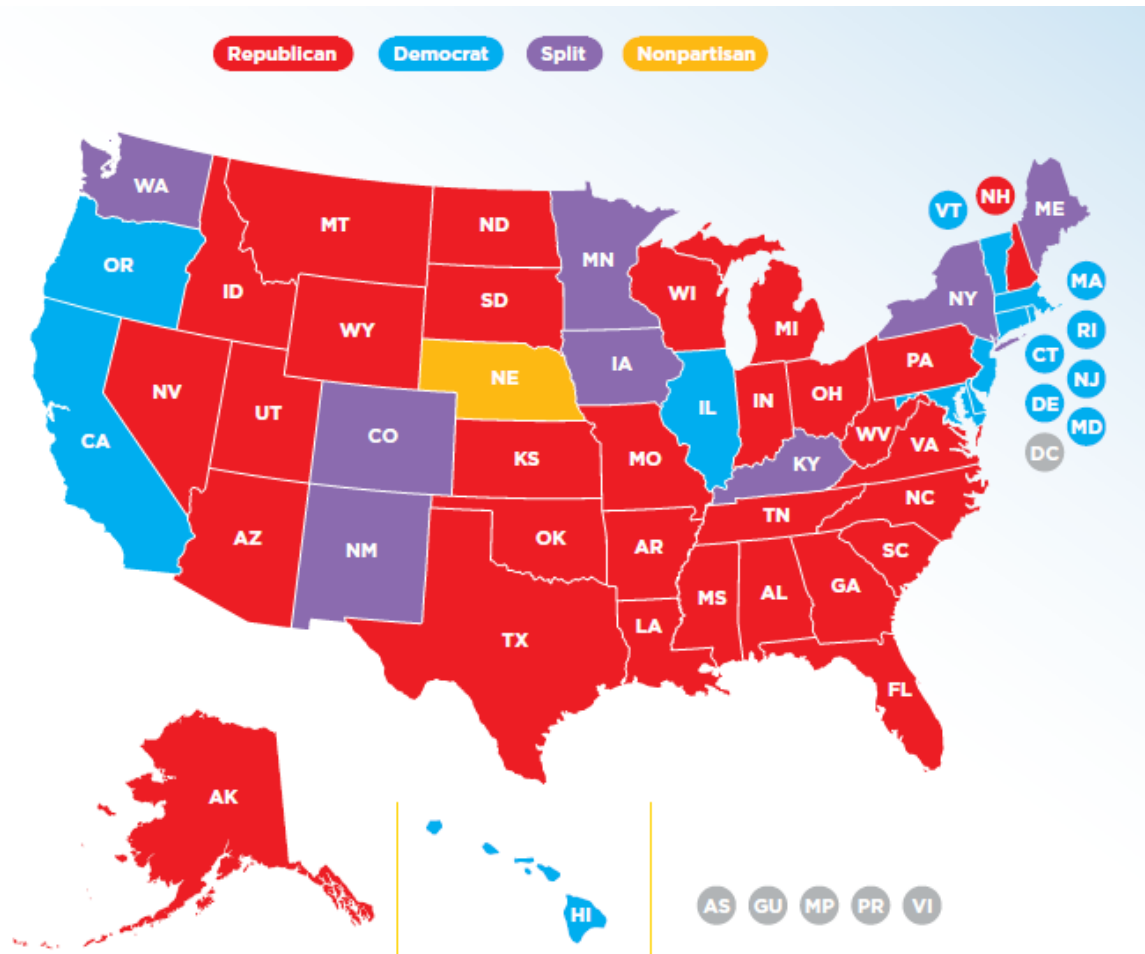


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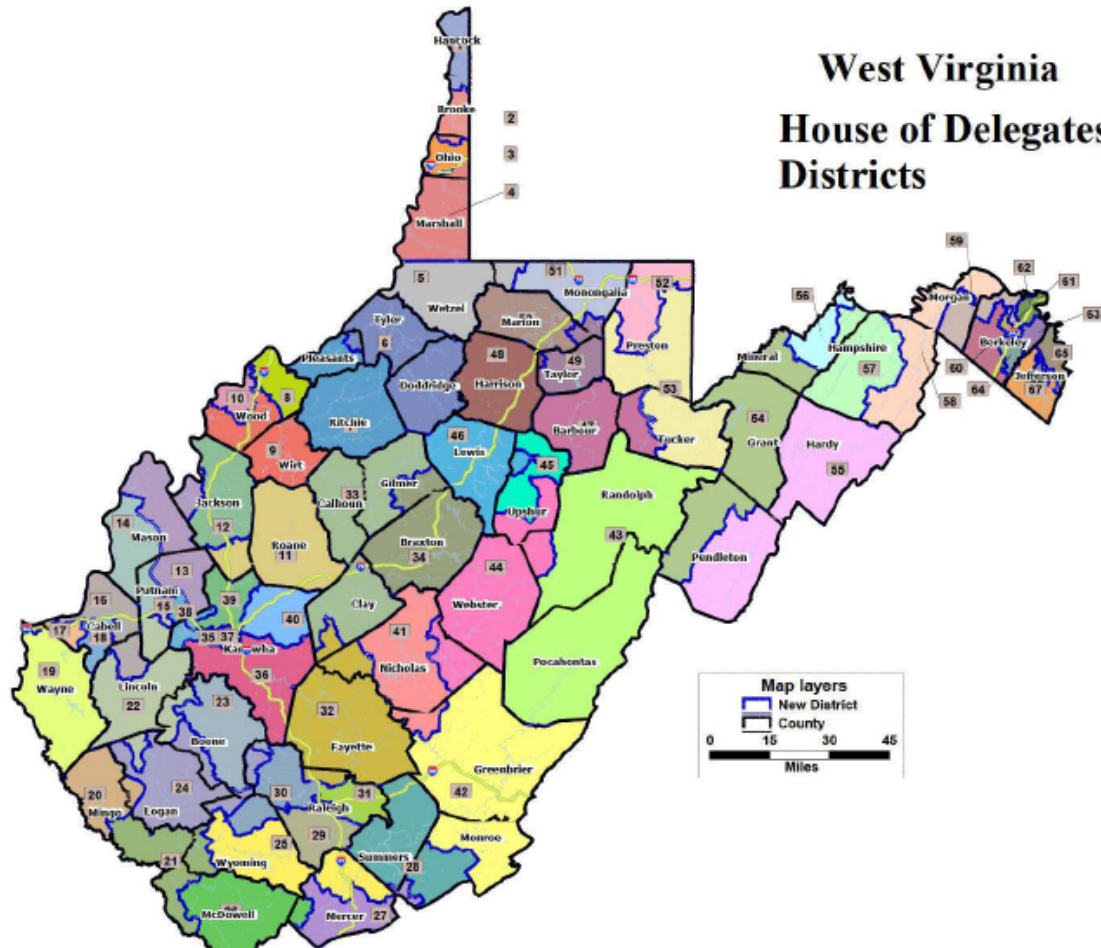


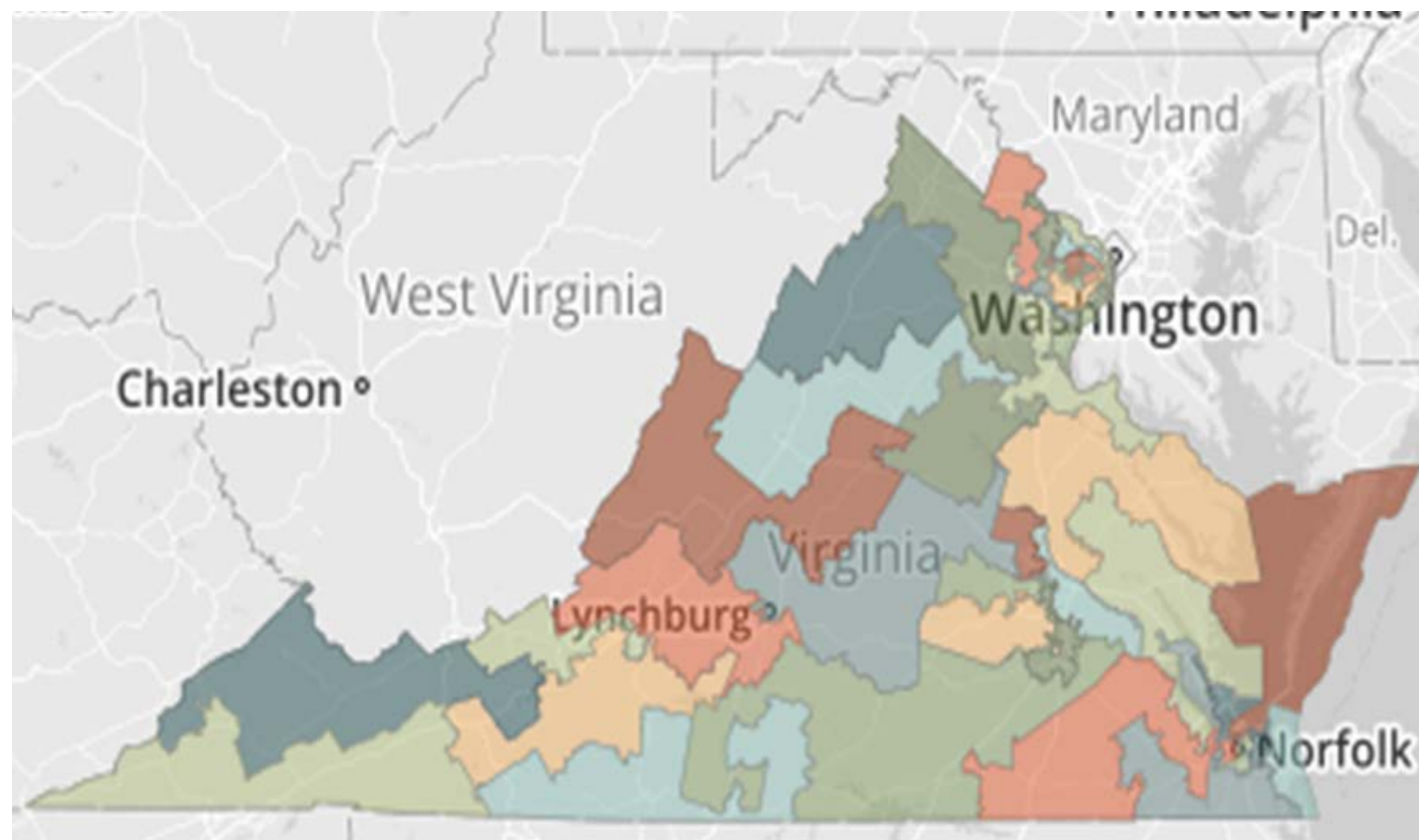
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State Legislatures: Who's in Charge



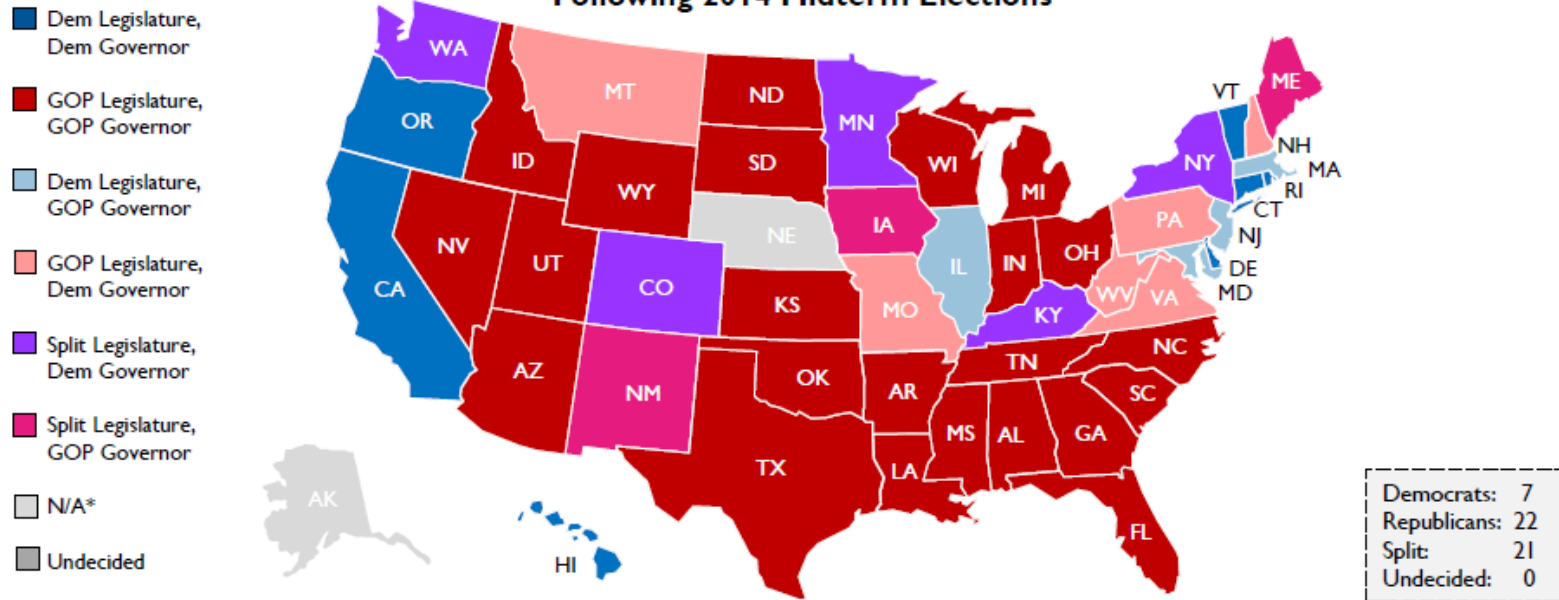
State Redistricting Websites: West Virginia's 100 House Districts





GOP Controls Majority of State Legislatures, Governorships

Party Control of State Legislatures and Governorships
Following 2014 Midterm Elections



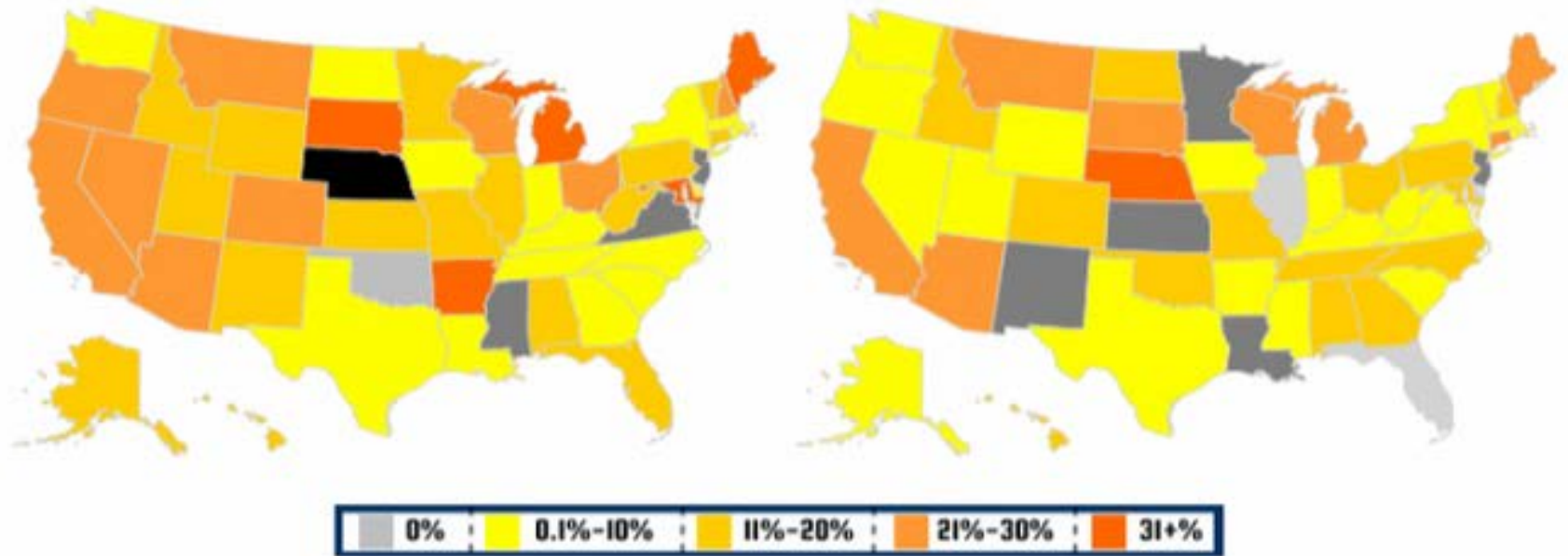
Analysis

- GOP holds full control of legislatures and governorships in 22 states
- Dems hold full control in 7 states
- 21 states have divided state governments, with one party controlling the legislature (or two parties splitting control of the legislature) and another party in the governor's mansion

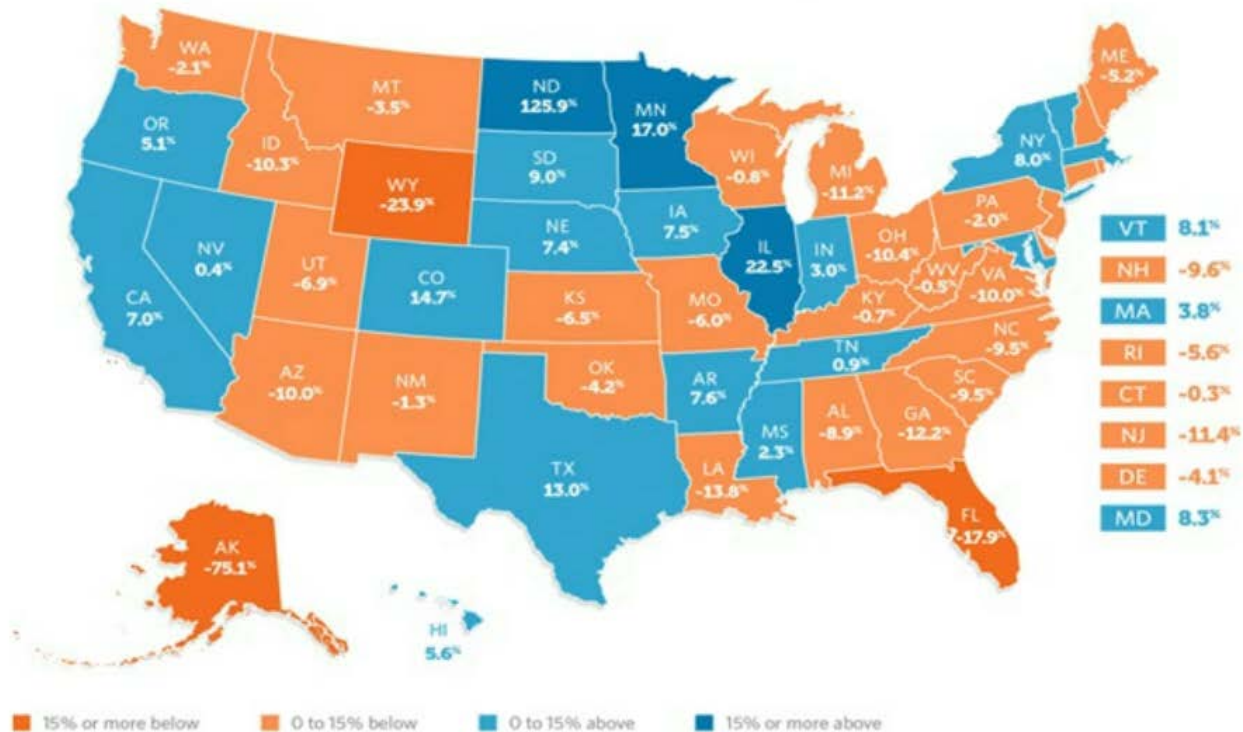
2014 State Legislative Turnover

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UPPER CHAMBERS

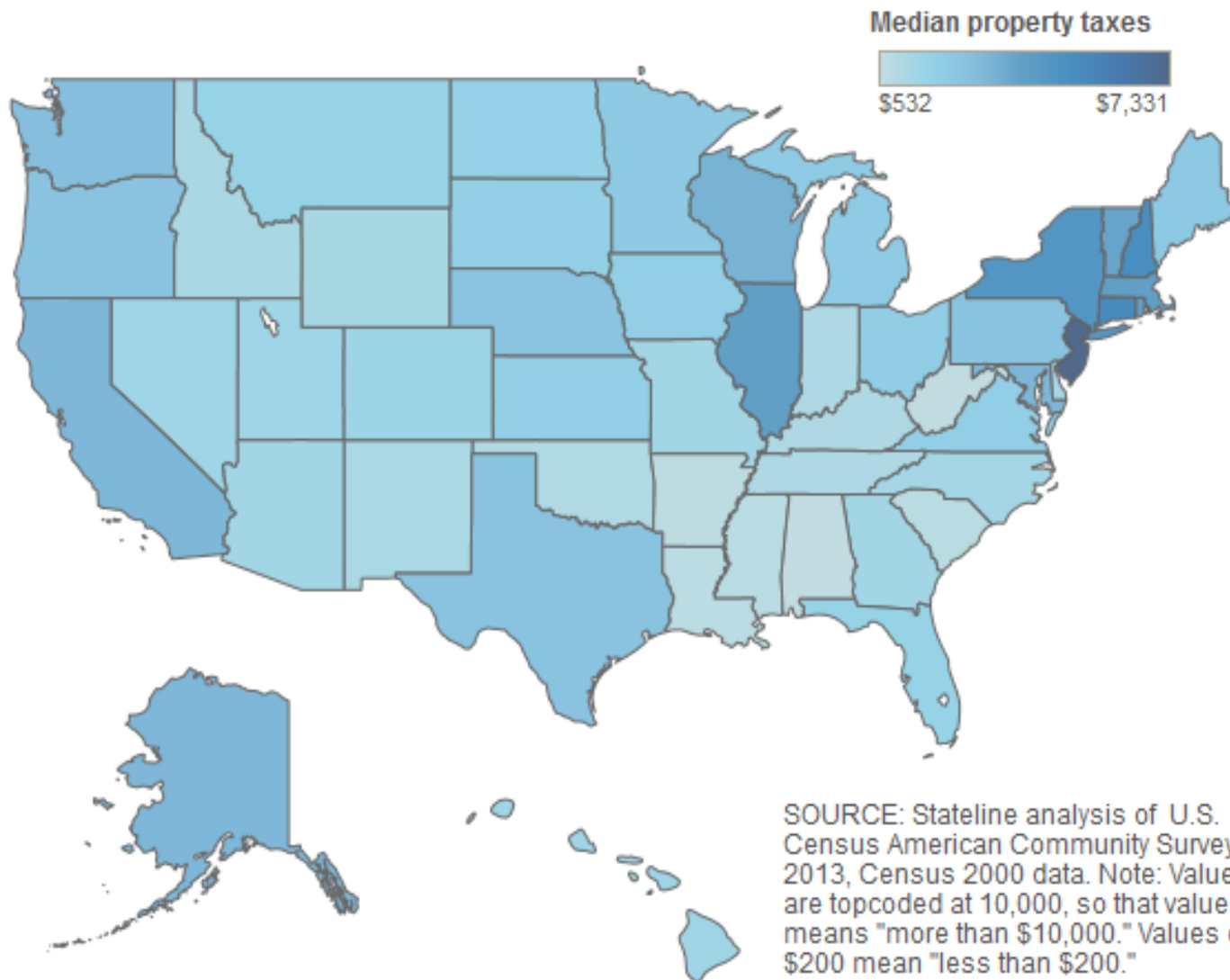


State Revenues: States Are Not Yet out of the Woods But It's A Mixed Picture By State



Source: U.S Census

Property Taxes: Statewide Median Burden



State Population Change Including Net Domestic Migration

State ▲	2013 Population ◇	2012 Population ◇	2013-12 % Change ◇	2013-12 Total Change ◇	2013 Births ◇	2013 Deaths ◇	2013 International Migration ◇	2013 Net Domestic Migration ◇	2013 Residual ◇
Alabama	4,833,722	4,817,528	0.3	16,194	58,858	48,922	5,256	451	551
Alaska	735,132	730,307	0.7	4,825	11,610	4,113	1,828	-4,006	-494
Arizona	6,626,624	6,551,149	1.2	75,475	85,994	50,274	10,864	26,417	2,474
Arkansas	2,959,373	2,949,828	0.3	9,545	38,464	28,793	2,965	-2,031	-1,060
California	38,332,521	37,999,878	0.9	332,643	503,634	250,567	123,217	-49,259	5,618
Colorado	5,268,367	5,189,458	1.5	78,909	65,831	33,159	8,573	36,284	1,380
Connecticut	3,596,080	3,591,765	0.1	4,315	37,172	29,249	15,702	-17,224	-2,086
Delaware	925,749	917,053	0.9	8,696	11,286	8,025	2,422	3,010	3
District of Columbia	646,449	633,427	2.1	13,022	9,589	5,151	2,858	6,319	-593

Two Key Resources for STATE ADVOCACY

Top 5 Issues in Each State

This report identifies the top legislative issues each state is facing and why.

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Primer: How to Track State Legislation

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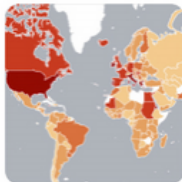
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<http://web.2.c3.audiovideoweb.com/va91web25043/Marketing/GOV%20-%20Marketing%20Finance%20Webinar%20-%20512015.mp4>

Critical Imperatives Facing SLG

- Despite mend, prolonged effects of downturn are still present
- Deteriorating transportation infrastructure
- Shrinking middle class and increased stress on social service programs
- Massive overcrowding and rising costs of correctional facilities
- Unreliable water supply
- Aging workforce and shrinking tax base

Source: GOVERNING Institute

State Legislators Voting Records: Posted by www.votesmart.org



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Office: State Senate (MD) - District 19, Democratic

Issue

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Maryland Key Votes

Date	Bill No.	Bill Title	Outcome	Vote
April 13, 2015	HB 70	2015-2016 Budget	Conference Report Adopted - Senate (33 - 13)	Yea
April 13, 2015	SB 183	Authorizes Funds for Certain County Boards of Education	Bill Passed - Senate (32 - 15)	Yea
March 24, 2015	SB 190	Amends Taxable Price for Sale or Use of Accommodations	Bill Passed - Senate (32 - 15)	Yea
March 24, 2015	SB 416	Requires Health Insurers to Cover In Vitro Fertilization for Same-Sex Couples	Bill Passed - Senate (37 - 10)	Yea

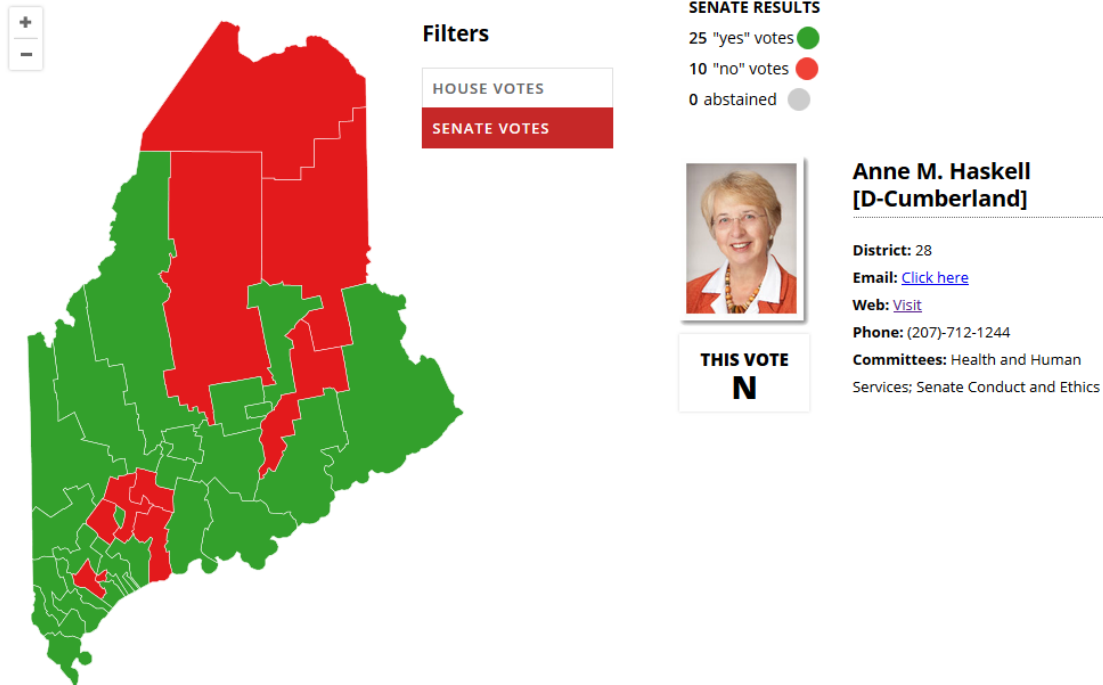
In Maine, VoteTrac Allows Public to Easily Find Legislator's Votes

VoteTrac: The Legislature overrides Governor LePage's state budget veto

The Maine Legislature on Tuesday overrode Governor LePage's veto of L.D. 1019, the state's two-year \$6.7 billion budget proposal. A two-thirds majority is necessary to override a Governor's veto, and in their final votes, the House voted 109-37 and the Senate voted 25-10 in favor of the bill. The approvals came just in time before the old budget would have expired at midnight, June 30, and thus averted a state government shutdown.

The Legislature initially approved the budget on June 19 by a margin of 105-42 in the House and 31-4 in the Senate.

[View the Legislature's initial votes on the budget proposal, before the Governor's veto, here.](#)



State Legislative Websites: OpenStates.org is Gateway Resource



OPEN:STATES Search Alaska for bills or legislators

Alaska

Overview Legislators Bills Committees

Alaska State Legislature

Legislators

Click on a district to view corresponding legislators.

Legislators	Party	Count
20 SENATORS	Democrats	6
	Republicans	14
40 REPRESENTATIVES	Non Affiliated	1
	Democrats	16
	Republicans	23

NARFE's STATE ADVOCACY WEBSITE



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State Legislative Advocacy

Welcome! NARFE's STATE ADVOCACY module is still a work in progress. One of our earliest goals is to serve as a forum where you will find useful information and links to empowering web-based resources. For instance, one of the best ways to wade into state legislative advocacy is to view or read your governor's state of the state address. [Governing](#) provides a gateway to the video and text of these speeches. [Stateline](#), a PEW Charitable Trusts news service, reports "many legislatures – such as those in [Alaska](#), [Texas](#) and [Utah](#) – have mobile apps that let citizens see committee schedules, track bills and even watch floor debates." Both the [THOMAS](#) system at the Library of Congress and [MultiState](#) provide gateways to the websites of state and territorial legislatures. Experiment with these sources and then volunteer to assist your [chapter's](#) State Legislative Officer or contact your [federation president](#).

Additional Web-Based Resources

Find Your Elected Officials: Congress, Governor and State Legislators

While we are building this page, you can look-up your state and local government officials. Drill into the information displayed and request to be added to your public officials' mailing list. Enter your ZIP Code (ZIP+4 works best).

Resources and Links for ADVOCATES

Key Avenues for Information & Advocacy

Legislative HOTLINE: 1-877-217-8234 Available 24/7 toll free

Capitol Switchboard: 1-866-220-0044 Ask for Member by Name

White House: 1-888-225-8418 Leave Comment 24/7

Join NARFE: 1-800-627-3394 toll free

Same ZIP Code: Elected Officials of Different Parties

State or Territory



Bill Walker

Governor for Alaska, Independent



Byron Mallott

Lieutenant Governor for Alaska,
Democrat



Dennis Egan

State Senator for Alaska,
Democrat



Cathy Munoz

State Representative for Alaska,
Republican, AK-H034

NARFE Member Leads Legislature



Maggie Hassan
Governor, Democrat



Dan Feltes
State Senator, Democrat, NH-S015



Steve Shurtleff
State Rep., Democrat, NH-HME11



Joseph Foster
State Attorney General, Democrat

Rep. Steve Shurtleff (D-NH)

State Representative for New Hampshire, Democrat, NH-HME11

Website: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/member.aspx?member=376628>



Biography

Home town: Penacook

Born: September 4, 1947

Born in: Concord, NH

Occupation: Law Enforcement Official

Military service: USA, 1966-69

Religion: Catholic

Marital status: D

Previous political experience: NH House, 2004-present

Elected in year: 2004

Next election in year: 2014

Family: 3 children

Education: AA City Col. of Chicago, 1998

Ethnicity: Caucasian

Committees

Legislative Administration

Rules

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State Capitol

Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603-271-3661

Penacook Office:

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Becoming your Governor's Pen Pal



The screenshot shows the official website of Washington Governor Jay Inslee. The header features the state seal and the text 'WASHINGTON GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE'. A navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT', 'NEWS & MEDIA', 'ISSUES', 'THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR', and 'BOARDS & COMMISSIONS'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: Home > Contact > Sign Up for RSS Feed'. The left sidebar has a 'Contact' menu with 'Sign Up for RSS Feed' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Sign Up for RSS Feed' and lists two links: 'Subscribe to Governor Jay Inslee's Latest News RSS feed' and 'Subscribe to the Access Washington State News RSS feed'. A link to 'Access Washington RSS Frequently Asked Questions' is also provided.

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The Governor Said What?

2015 State of the State Speeches: Text, Highlights and Video

Watch and read the highlights and text of every governor's annual address.

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The nation's governors will give their State of the State addresses throughout the coming months.

You can watch the speeches and read the transcripts and highlights from each below by clicking on the respective states. Several governors -- Arkansas' Asa Hutchinson, Massachusetts' Charlie Baker, Minnesota's Mark Dayton, New Hampshire's Maggie Hassan, Pennsylvania's Tom Wolf, Rhode Island's Gia Raimondo and Vermont's Peter Shumlin -- did not give an official State of the State address this year.

The blue states are those with Democratic governors; the red states have Republican governors; and the purple state (Alaska) is led by an Independent.

Gubernatorial Elections: 2015 (3), 2016 (12)

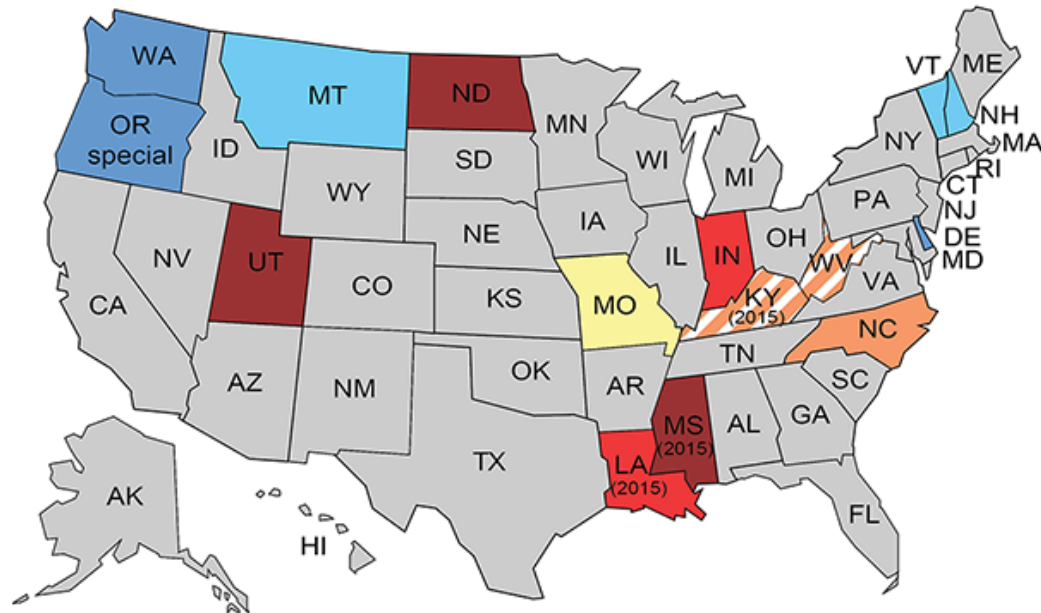
2016 GOVERNOR

To read recent stories regarding the 2015-16 gubernatorial races, click [here](#).

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2015-16 gubernatorial ratings map

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Governors Races 2015-2016 Cycles: Ratings by Stu Rothenberg

Tossup

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
Missouri	■ Jay Nixon (D)	Romney 54%
West Virginia	■ Earl Ray Tomblin (D)	Romney 62%

Tilts Democratic

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
Kentucky	■ Steven L. Beshear (D)	Romney 60%

Leans Democratic

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
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Favored Democratic

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
Montana	Steve Bullock (D)	Romney 55%
New Hampshire	Maggie Hassan (D)	Obama 52%

Safe Democrat

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
Delaware	■ Jack Markell (D)	Obama 59%
Oregon	Kate Brown (D)	Obama 55%
Vermont	Peter Shumlin (D)	Obama 67%
Washington	Jay Inslee (D)	Obama 56%

Tilts Republican

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
North Carolina	Pat McCrory (R)	Romney 51%

Leans Republican

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
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Favored Republican

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
Indiana	Mike Pence (R)	Romney 54%

Safe Republican

State	Incumbent	2012 president vote
Louisiana	■ Bobby Jindal (R)	Romney 58%
Mississippi	Phil Bryant (R)	Romney 55%
North Dakota	Jack Dalrymple (R)	Romney 58%
Utah	Gary R. Herbert (R)	Romney 73%

■ Open seat

↻ Projected party turnover

2015 State Legislative Session: Dates and Carryover Rules

2015 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES

Key: Regular Session Adjourned

State	Start Date	House Bill Intro Deadline	Senate Bill Intro Deadline	Cross-Over Deadline	Legislation Carryover from 2014	Legislation Carryover to 2016	Sine Die Adjournment (approx.)	Special Sessions / Governors' Actions / Other Deadlines
Alabama	03/03/15	none	26th Legislative Day	27th Legislative Day	No	No	06/15/15	
Alaska	01/20/15	02/23/15	02/23/15	none	No	Yes	04/19/15	Special session re: budget began 04/28/15
Arizona	01/12/15	02/09/15	02/02/15	None	No	No	04/02/15	
Arkansas	01/12/15	03/09/15	03/09/15	none	No	No	04/02/15	Formal adjournment 04/22/15
California	12/01/14	02/27/15	02/27/15	06/05/15	No	Yes	09/11/15	
Colorado	01/07/15	01/28/15	01/28/15	02/25/15	No	No	05/06/15	
Connecticut	01/07/15	04/14/2015	04/14/2015	none	No	No	06/03/15	
Delaware	01/13/15	none	none	none	No	Yes	06/30/15	
Florida	03/03/15	03/03/15	03/03/15	04/27/15	No	No	05/01/15	

2015 Governors and Legislatures

State	Governor	Next Election	Senate				House	
			Dem	Rep	Other	Vac	Dem	Rep
(Follow links to websites)								
<u>Alabama</u>	<u>Robert Bentley</u>	2018 (L)	8	26	1		33	72
Alaska	Bill Walker (Ind)	2018	6	14			16	23
<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Doug Ducey</u>	2018	13	17			24	36
<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>Asa Hutchinson</u>	2018	11	24			36	64
<u>California</u>	<u>Jerry Brown</u>	2018 (L)	26	14			52	28
Colorado	John Hickenlooper	2018 (L)	17	18			34	31
<u>Connecticut</u>	<u>Dan Malloy</u>	2018	21	15			87	64
<u>Delaware</u>	<u>Jack Markell</u>	2016 (L)	12	9			25	16
<u>Florida</u>	<u>Rick Scott</u>	2018 (L)	14	25		1	38	80
<u>Georgia</u>	<u>Nathan Deal</u>	2018 (L)	18	38			59	120
<u>Hawaii</u>	<u>David Ige</u>	2018	24	1			43	8
<u>Idaho</u>	<u>Butch Otter</u>	2018	7	28			14	56
Illinois	Bruce Rauner	2018	39	20			71	47
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Mike Pence</u>	2016	10	40			29	71
Iowa	Terry Branstad	2018	26	24			43	57
<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Sam Brownback</u>	2018 (L)	8	32			27	98
Kentucky	Steve Beshear	2015 (L)	11	27			54	46
<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>Bobby Jindal</u>	2015 (L)	13	26			44	59
<u>Maine</u>	<u>Paul LePage</u>	2018 (L)	14	21			78	68
Maryland	Larry Hogan	2018	33	14			90	51
Massachusetts	Charlie Baker	2018	34	6			125	35

Virginia Federation: State Legislation Newsletter

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Lessons & Insights - 2015 General Assembly Session



As previously reported, numerous bills were sponsored within the Virginia Senate and

advocacy efforts needed to succeed. In the meantime, here's what we learned this time around:

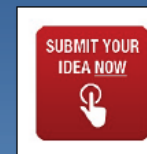
Enhanced Protection of Incapacitated Adults (from Financial Exploitation). It seems that we bit off more than we can chew by asking for three major changes to current law. Should we choose to carry this issue forward into 2016, we'd likely benefit from tightening our focus solely on the

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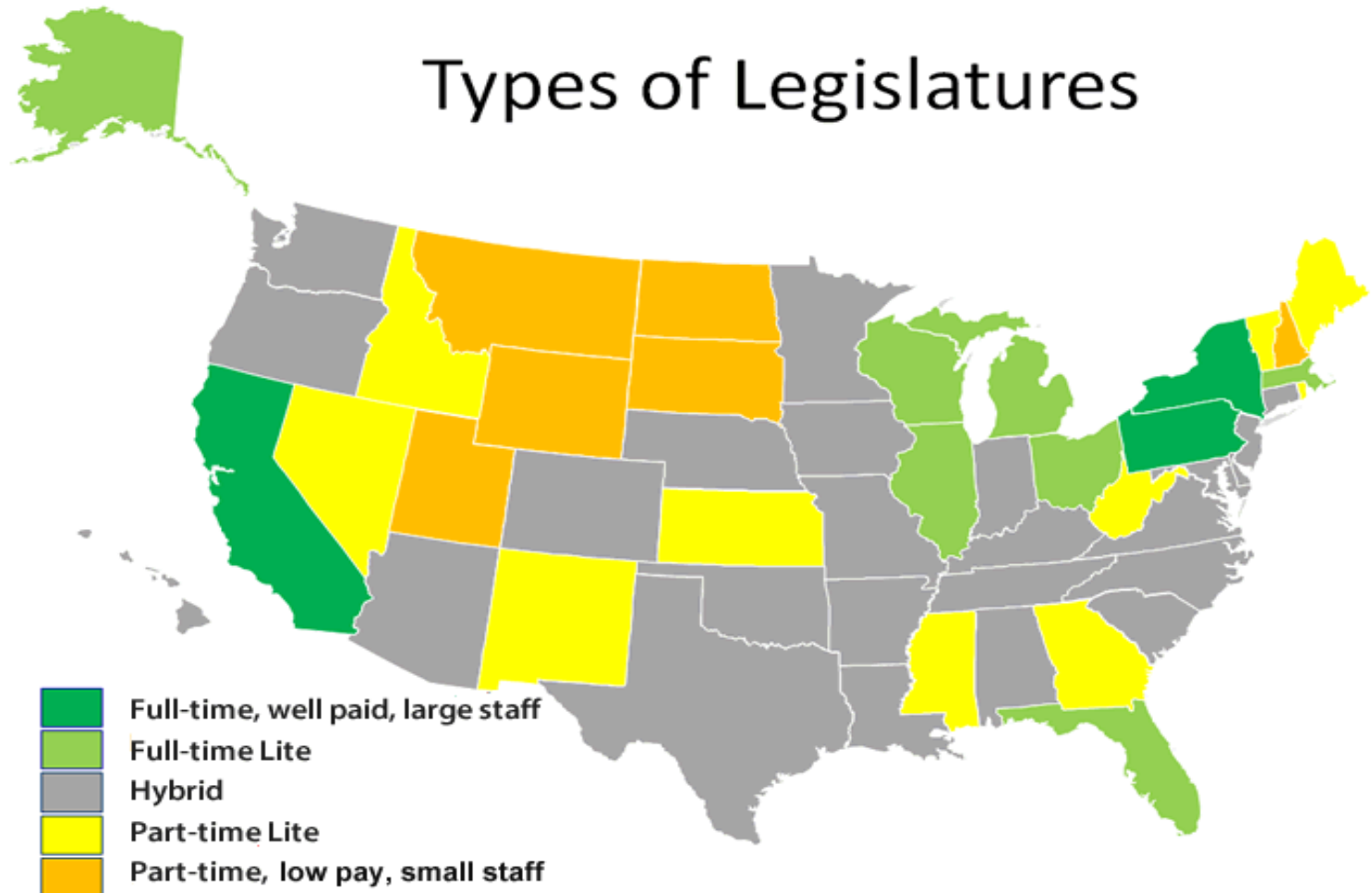
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Full-and Part-Time Legislatures

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/full-and-part-time-legislatures.aspx>



Average Job Time, Compensation and Staff Size by Category of Legislature

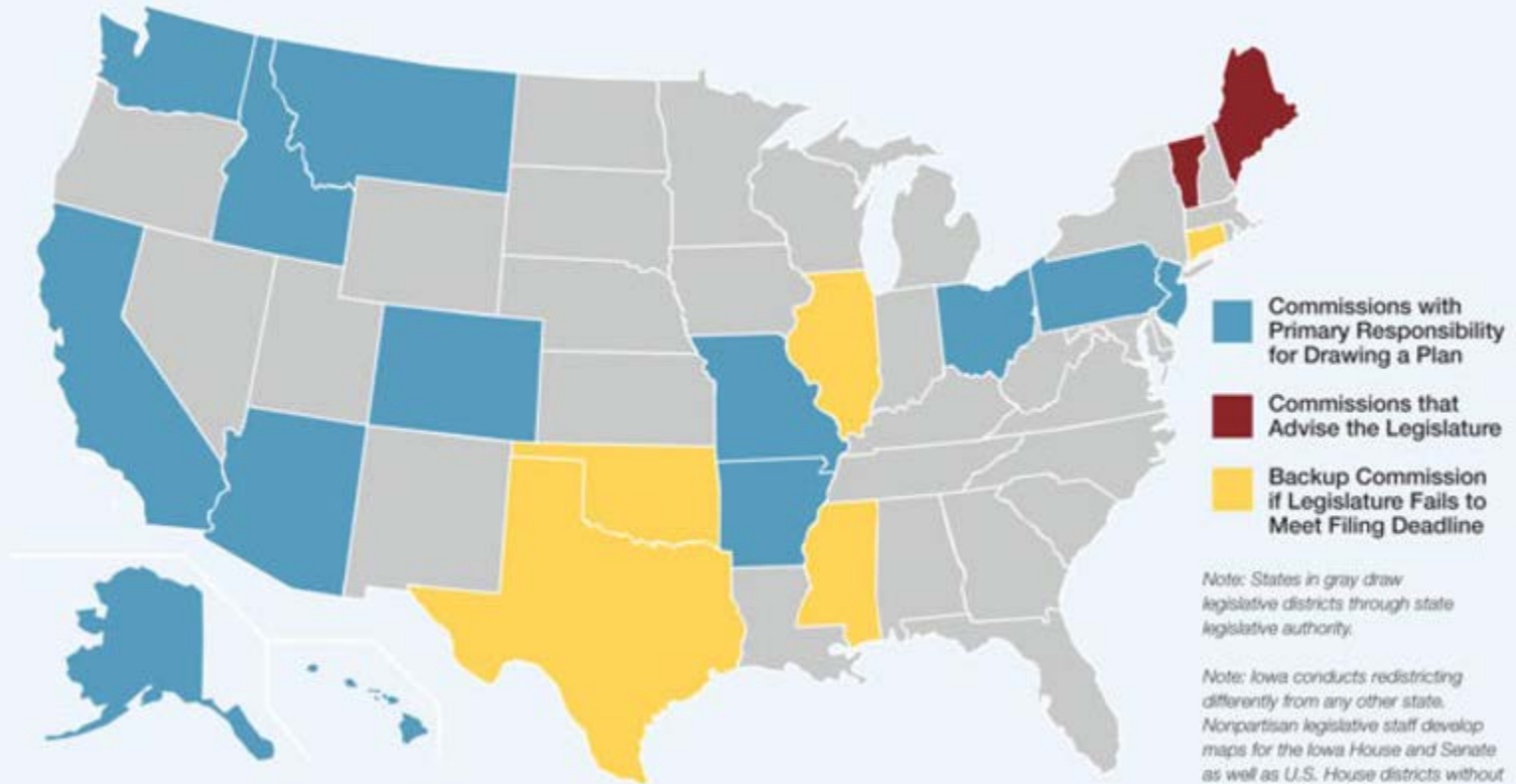
Category of Legislature	Time on the Job (1)	Compensation (2)	Total Staff (3)
Green	82%	\$81,079	1,340
Gray	70%	\$43,429	479
Gold	54%	\$19,197	169

Notes:

1. Estimated proportion of a full-time job spent on legislative work including time in session, constituent service, interim committee work, and election campaigns. *Source: 2002 NCSL survey of all state legislators.*
2. Estimated average annual compensation of legislators including salary, per diem, and any other unvouchered expense payments. *Source: NCSL 2014.*
3. Average number of staff--partisan and nonpartisan--working for the legislature. *Source: NCSL 2011.*

Redistricting Commissions

Redistricting Commissions in the States



SOURCE: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

Takeaways

- 1) NARFE members stand to benefit financially from state engagement. Just this year Indiana joins Missouri and Oklahoma where federal retirees save on state income taxes each year.
- 2) Coalitions in state advocacy help humanize federal retirees by breaking down stereotypes.
- 3) State legislatures and governorships produce a majority of the current members of Congress
- 4) Defending existing tax treatment of federal retirement income is becoming an issue in more states.