



# **Election Reform Success, 2000–2025**



# If You're Looking for Good News About the Strength of Our Democracy...

	Reform	States in 2000	States in 2025
Protecting Voting Rights and Election Results	No-Excuse Vote By Mail	21	36
	In-Person Early Voting	24	47
	Automatic Voter Registration	0	24
	Risk-Limiting Audits	0	17
	Verifiable Paper Trail	31*	47
Increasing Competition	Independent Redistricting Commissions (Congressional)	4	9
	28 <sup>th</sup> Amendment (Campaign Finance Reform)	0	23
	National Popular Vote Interstate Compact	0	17
	Ranked Choice Voting (State and Local Use)	2	17

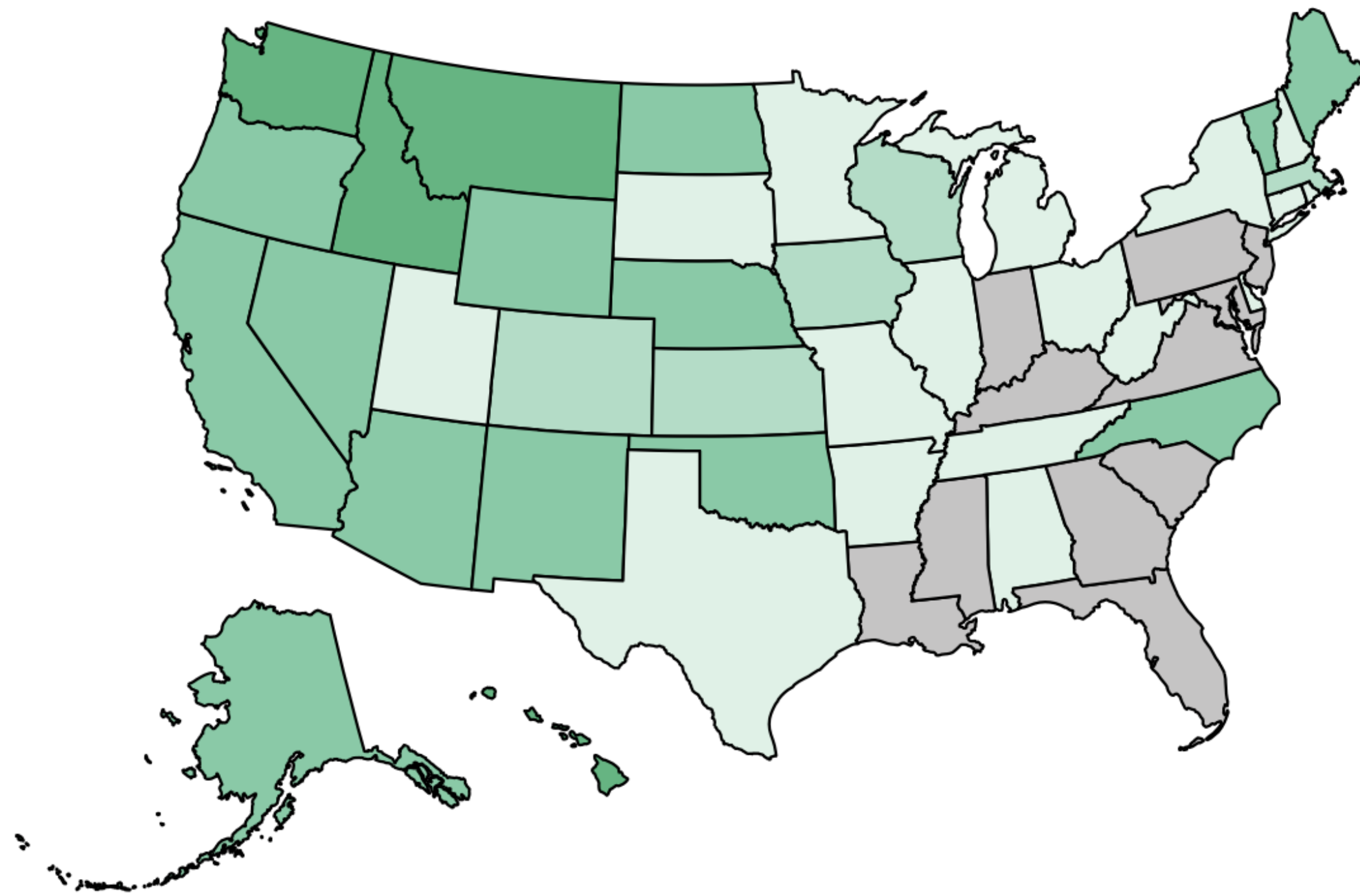
\*Data on Verifiable Paper Trail as of 2006



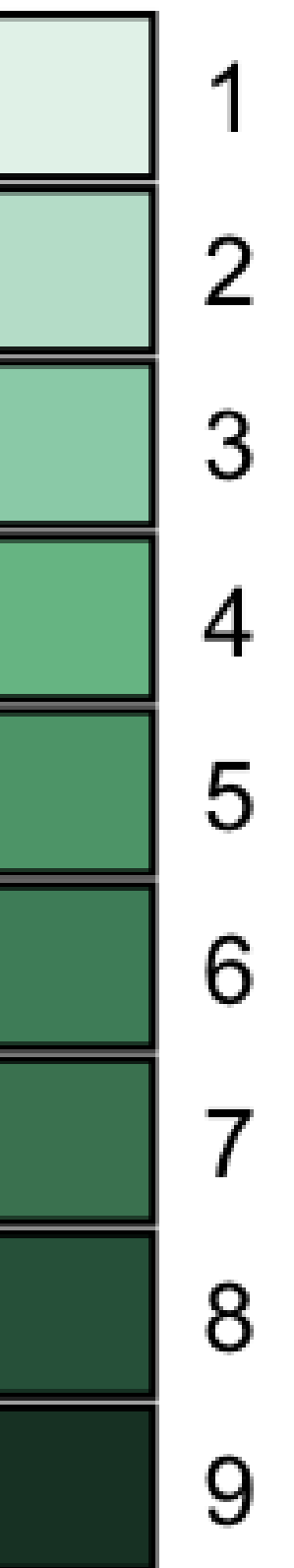
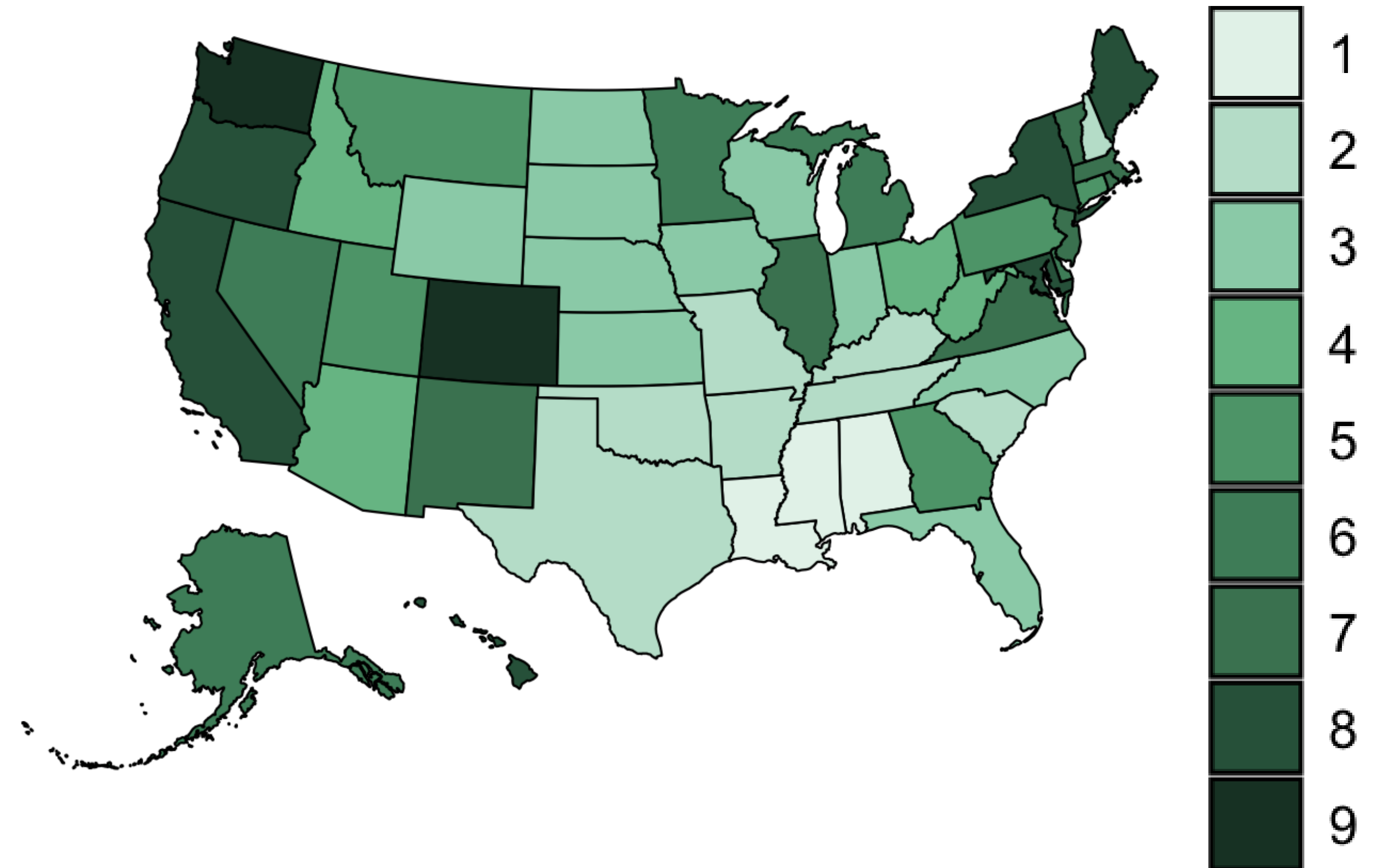


# Adoption of Election Reforms, 2000 vs. 2025

2000

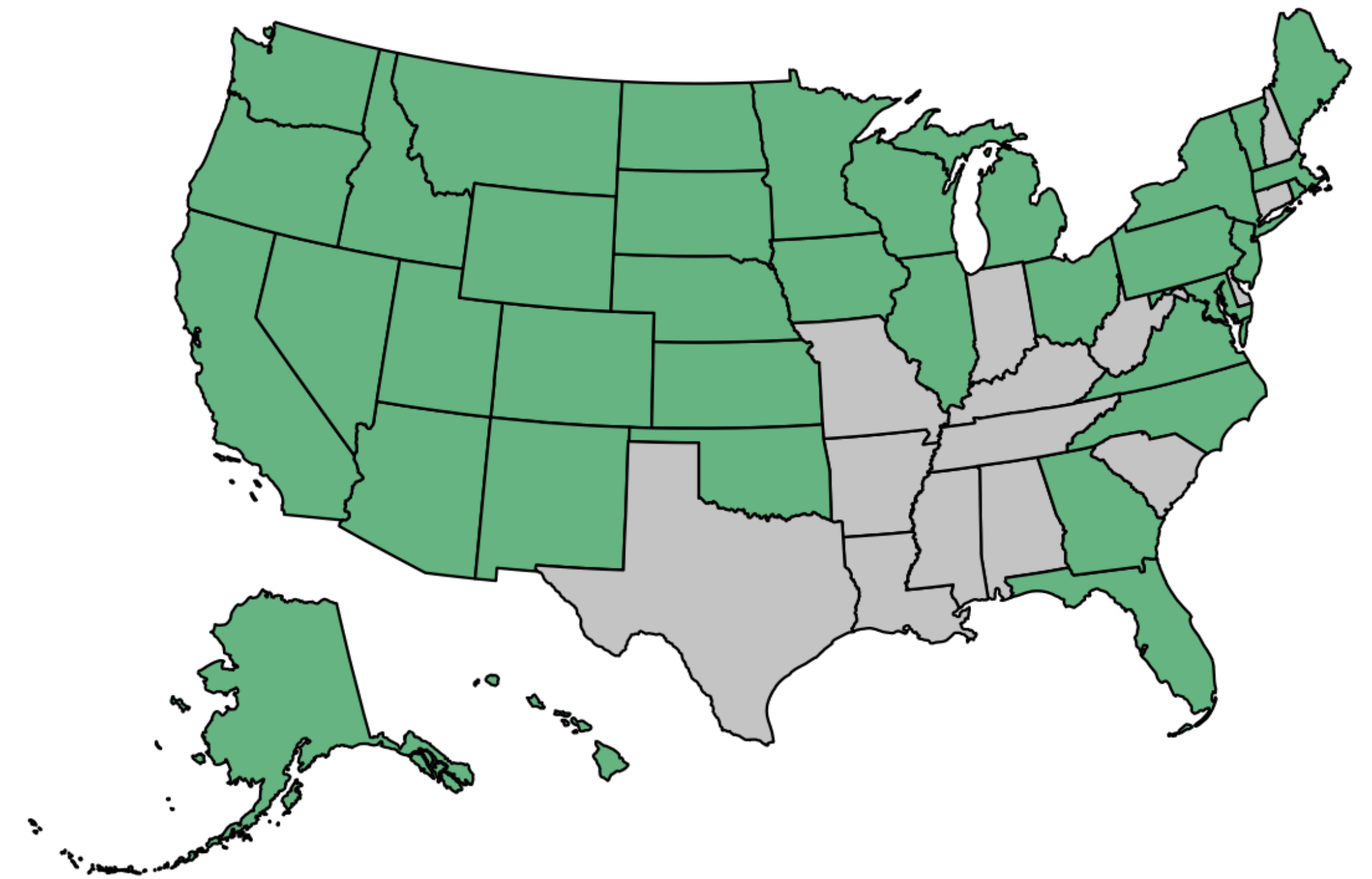


2025





# 2025



Source: Center for Election Innovation & Research



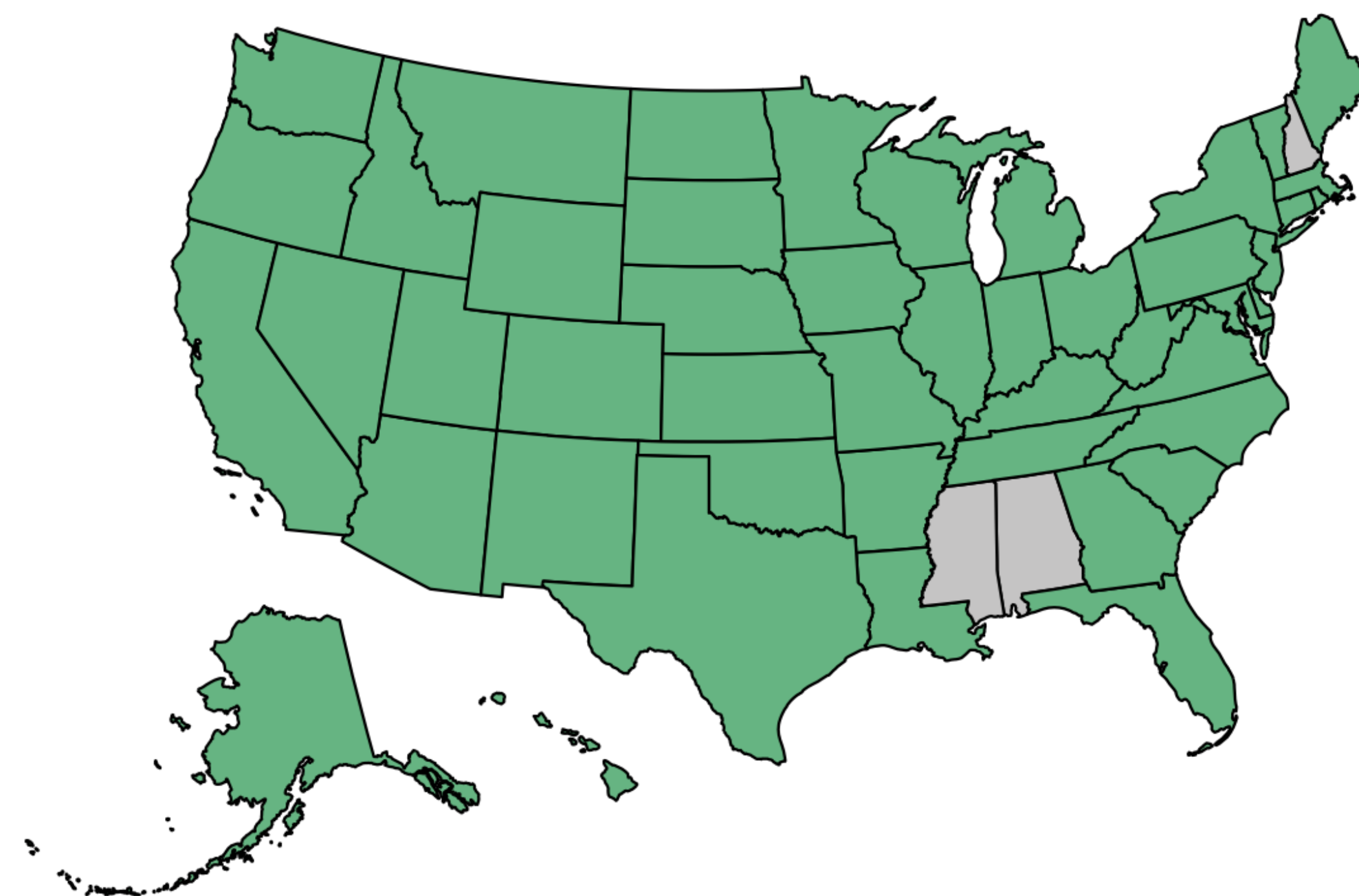
# No-Excuse Vote By Mail

## Method of reform adoption and political context when adopted

Method	Republican Trifecta	Democratic Trifecta	Split Government	Total States
Citizen-Initiated Measure	1	0	1	2
Legislation	10	13	11	34



# 2025



Source: Center for Election Innovation & Research



# In-Person Early Voting

## Method of reform adoption and political context when adopted

Method	Republican Trifecta	Democratic Trifecta	Split Government	Total States
Citizen-Initiated Measure	1	-	-	1
Legislation	11	20	14	45
Executive Order	-	-	1	1



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Source: Ballotpedia





# Automatic Voter Registration

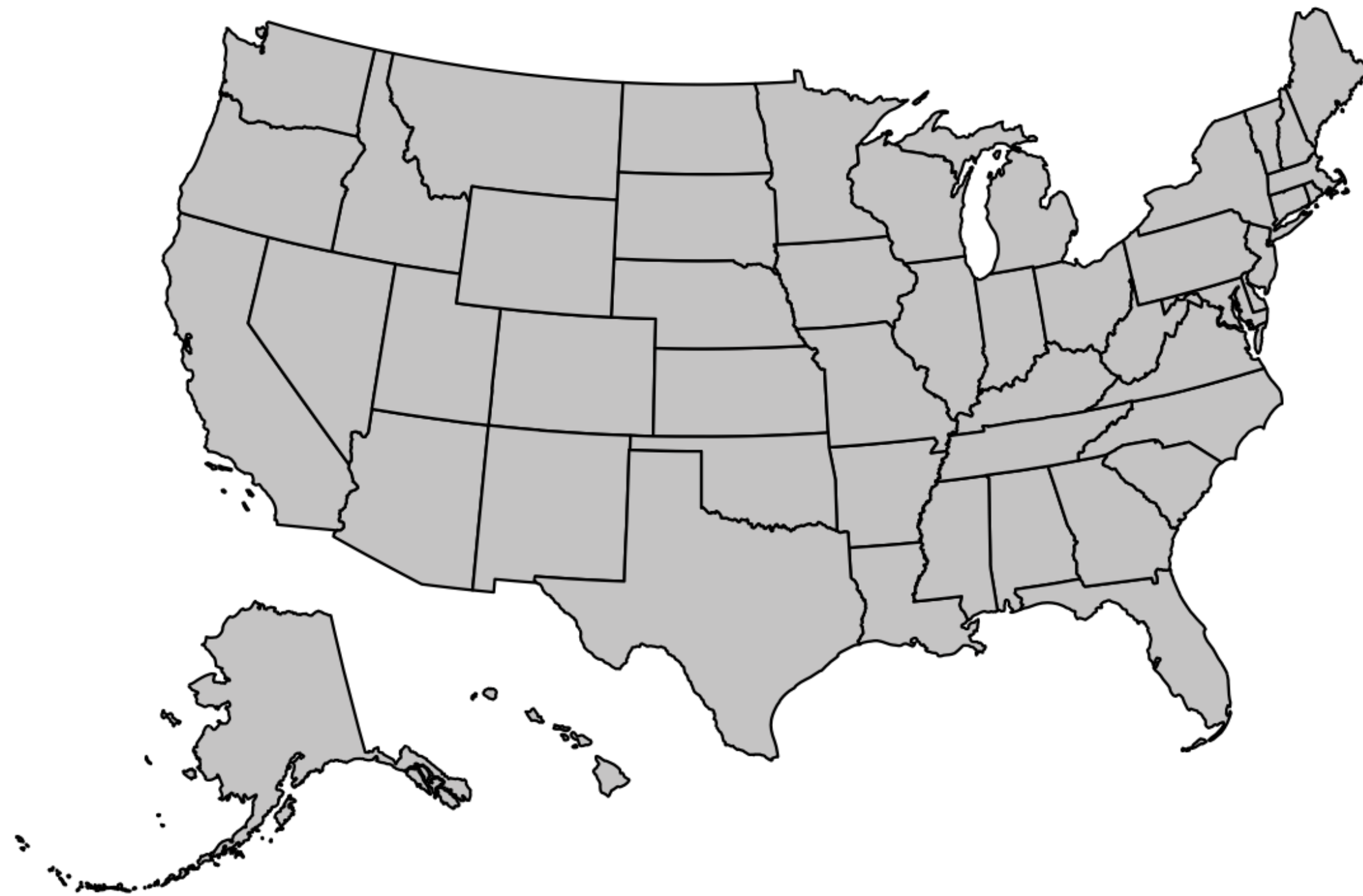
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Method	Republican Trifecta	Democratic Trifecta	Split Government	Total States
Citizen-Initiated Measure	2	0	1	3
Legislation	0	13	4	17
Governor	1	1	2	4

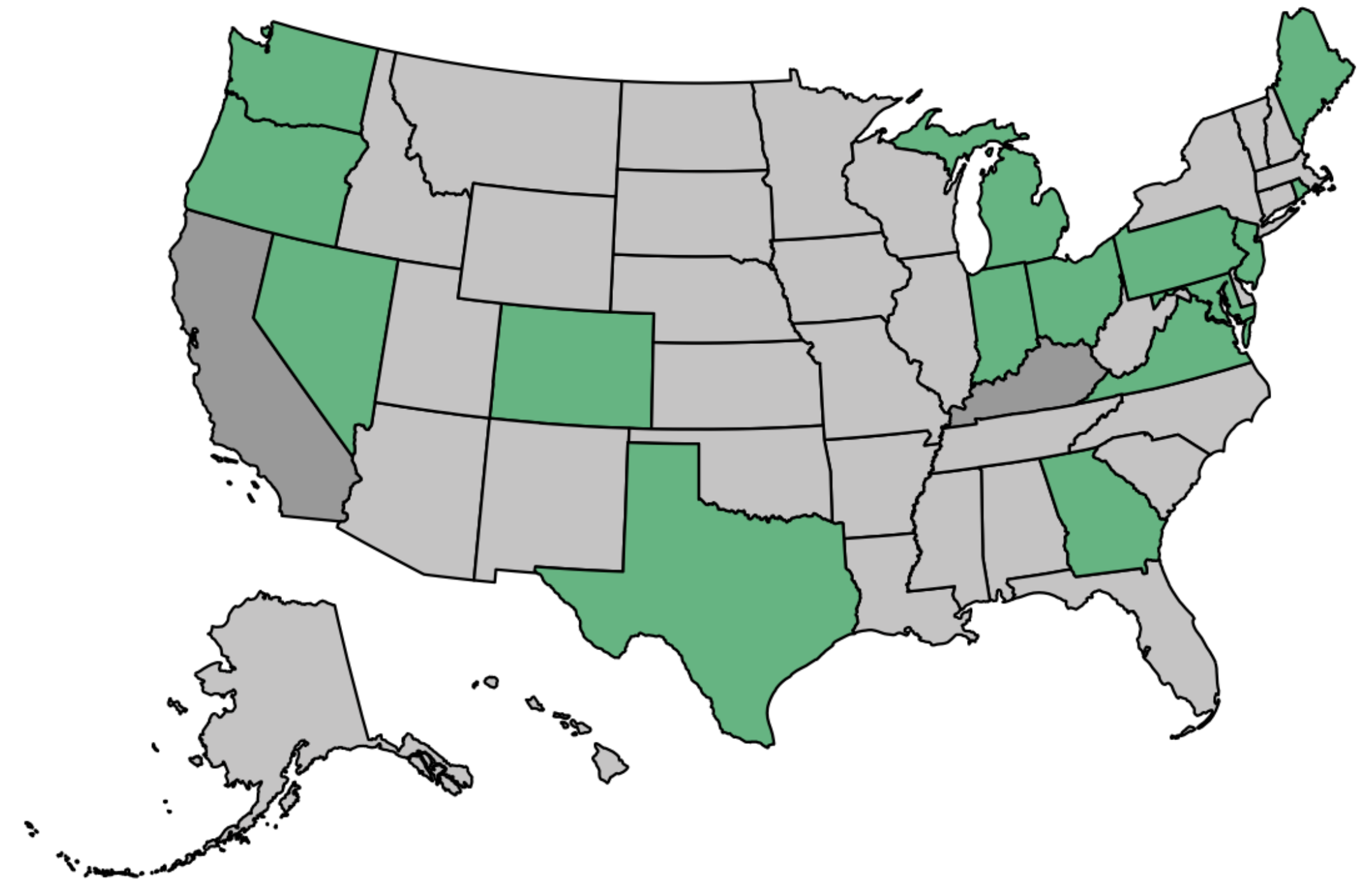


# Risk-Limiting Audit

2000



2025



 Yes  No  Sunset

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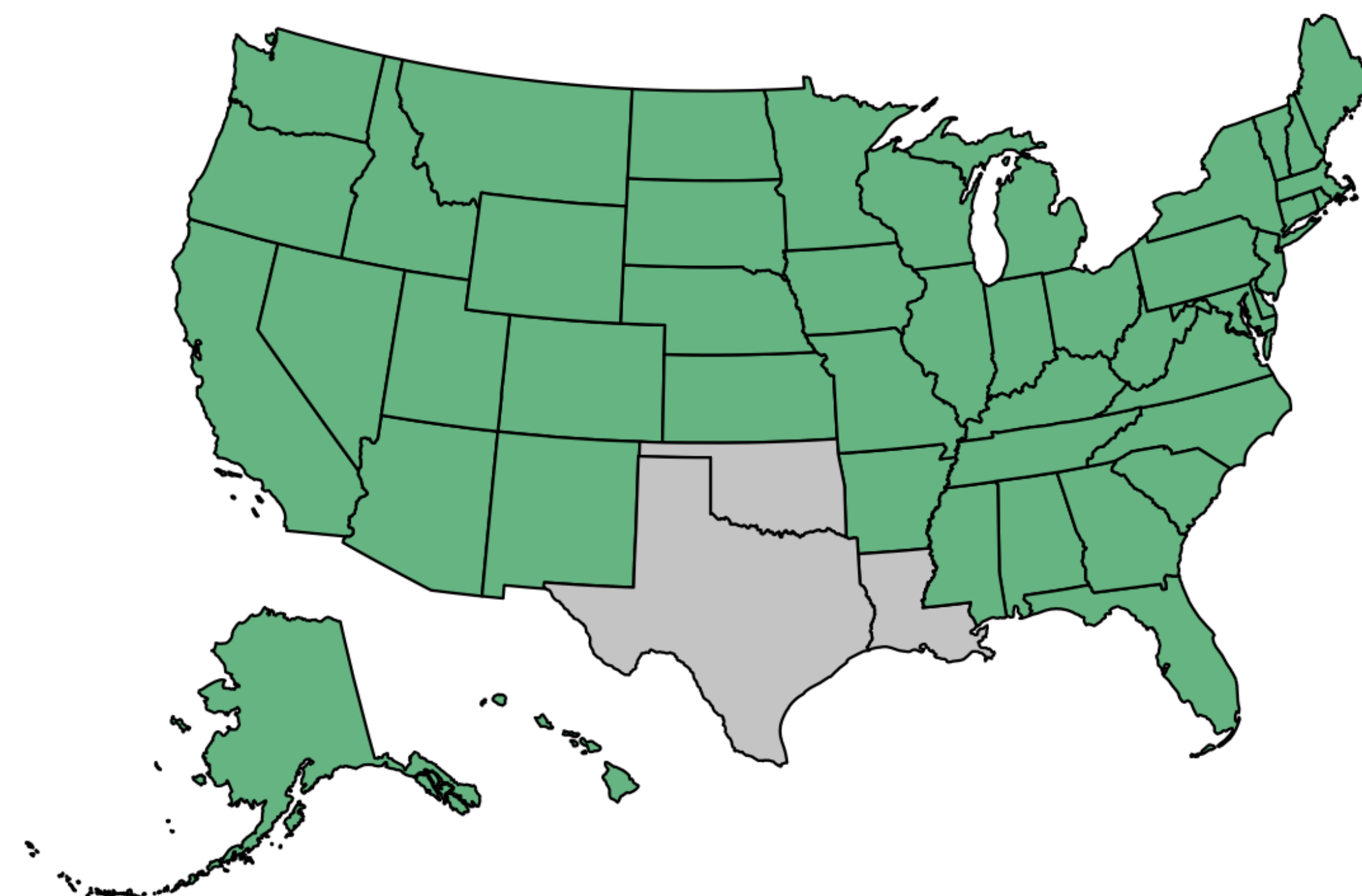
# Risk-Limiting Audit

## Status of reform and political context when adopted

Program Status	Republican Trifecta	Democratic Trifecta	Split Government	Total States
Required	1	5	1	7
Optional	1	2	0	3
Pilot	3	0	2	5
Sunset	0	0	2	2



# 2025



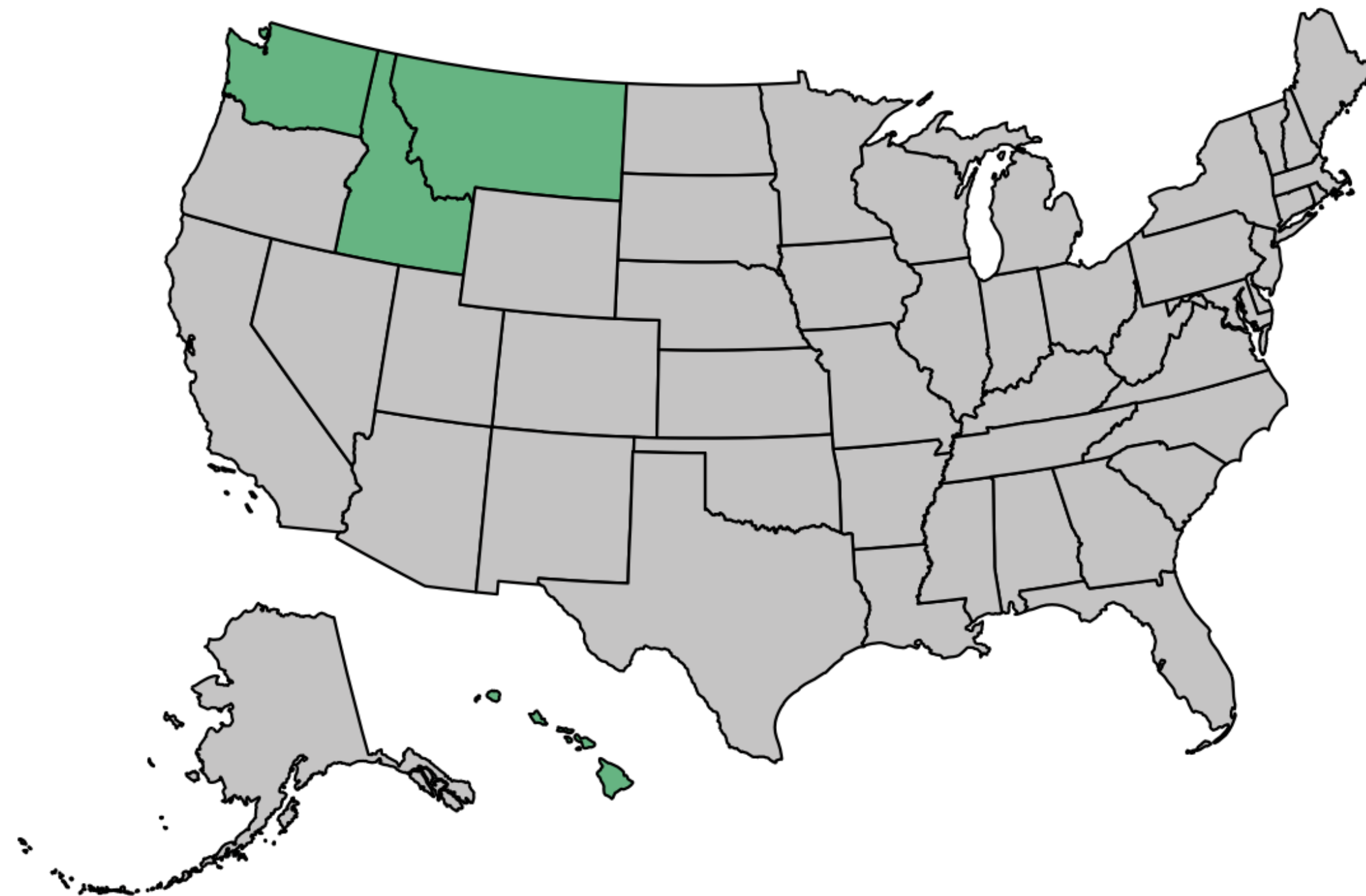
Source: Verified Voting



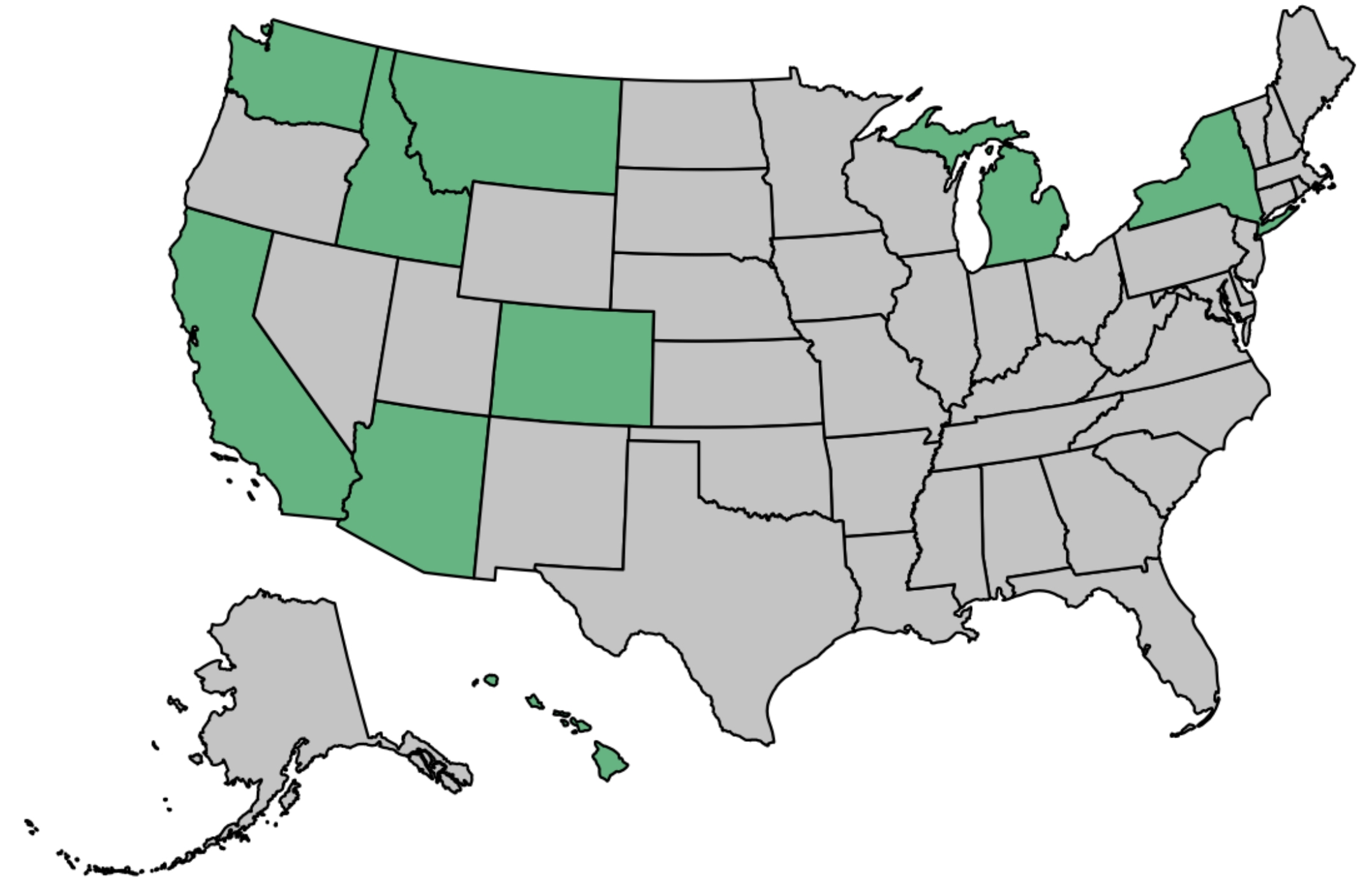


# Independent Redistricting Commissions (Congressional)

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 Yes  No

Source: Ballotpedia



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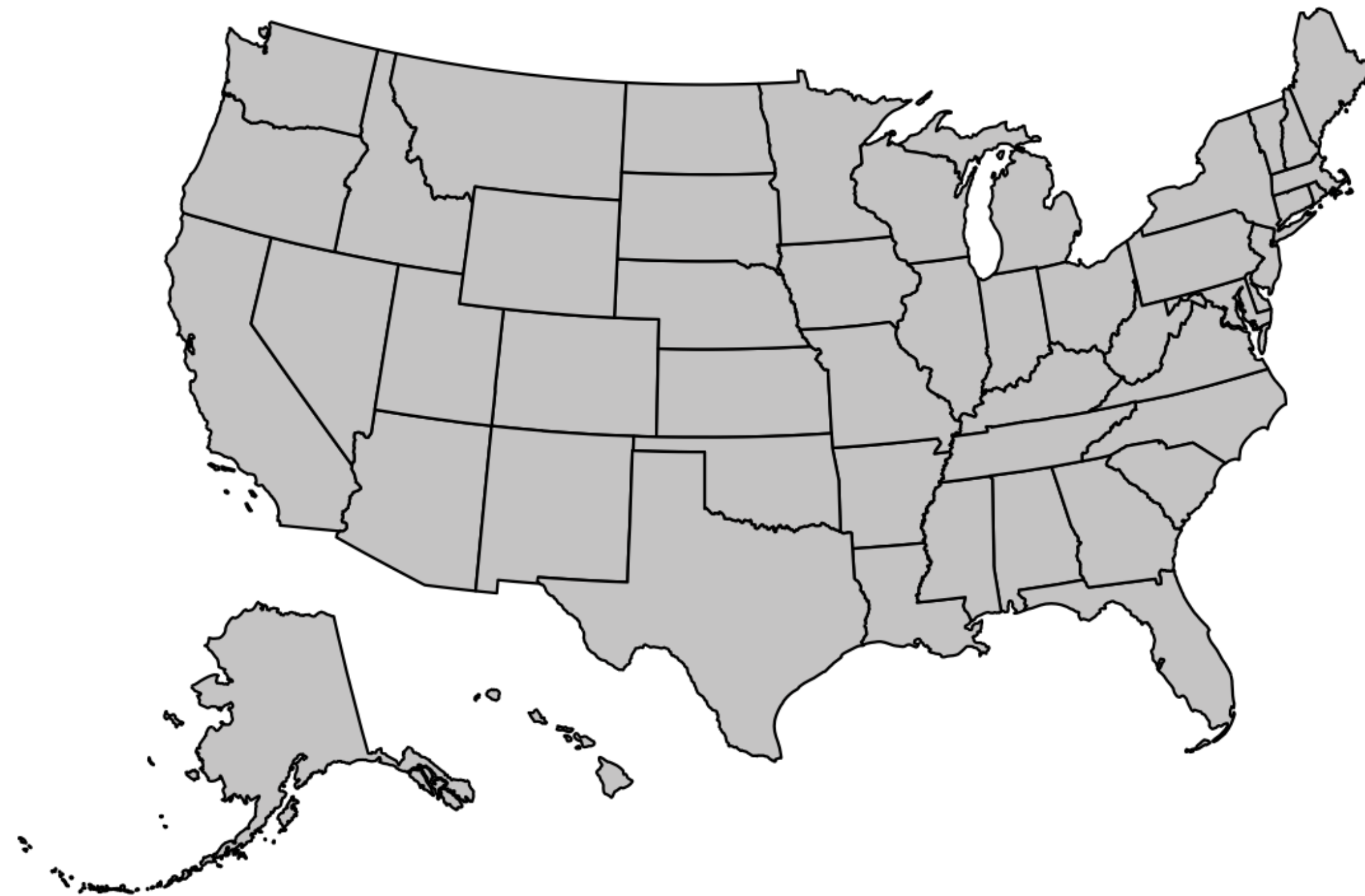
## Method of reform adoption and political context when adopted

Method	Republican Trifecta	Democratic Trifecta	Split Government	Total States
Citizen-Initiated Measure	2	0	1	3
Legislative-Referred Measure	0	1	4	5
Constitutional Convention	0	0	1	1

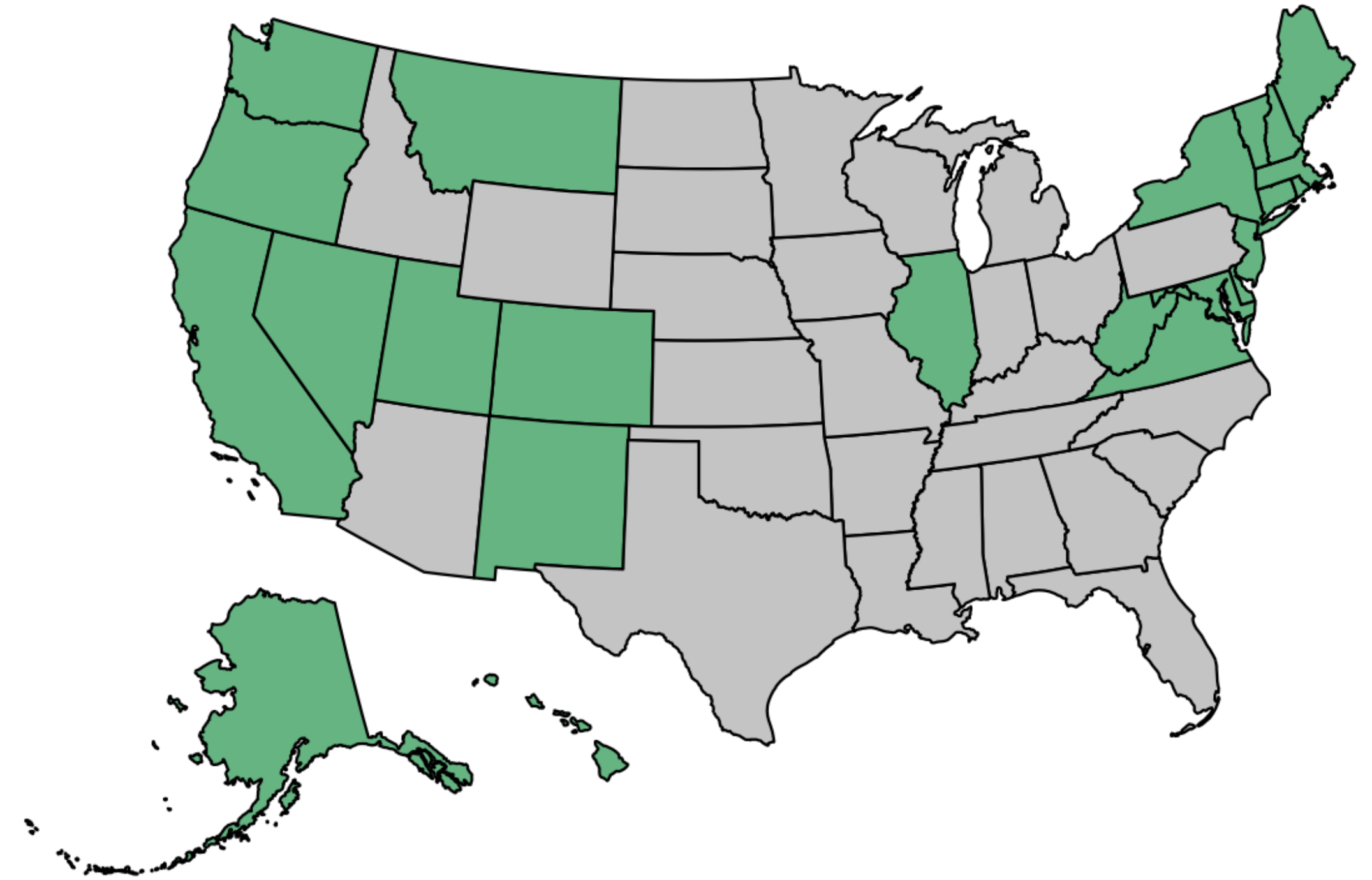


# 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment (Campaign Finance Reform)

2000



2025



 Yes  No

Source: American Promise



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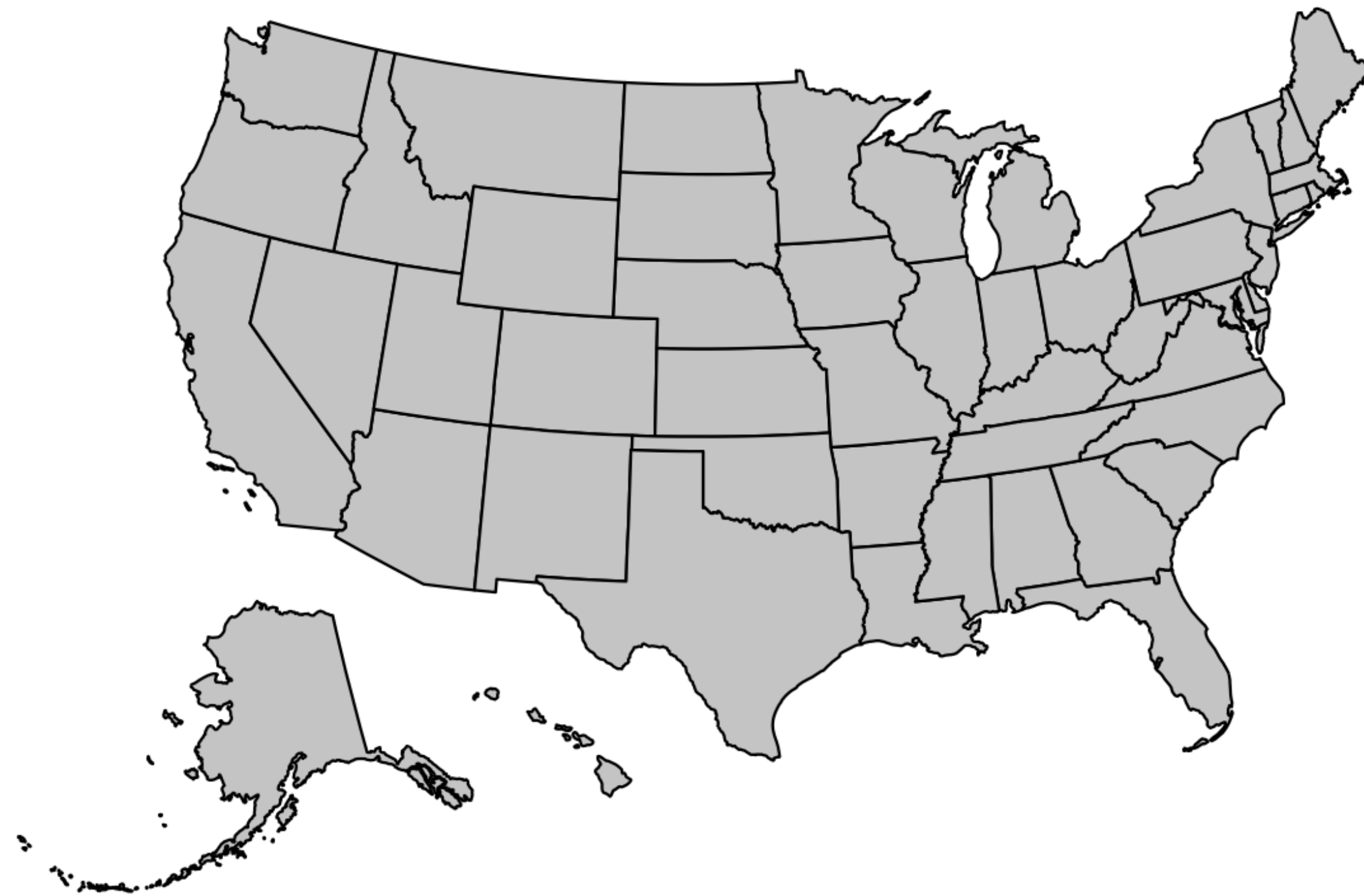
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Citizen-Initiated Measure	1	0	3	4
Legislative-Referred Measure	0	1	0	1
Legislature	1	11	6	18



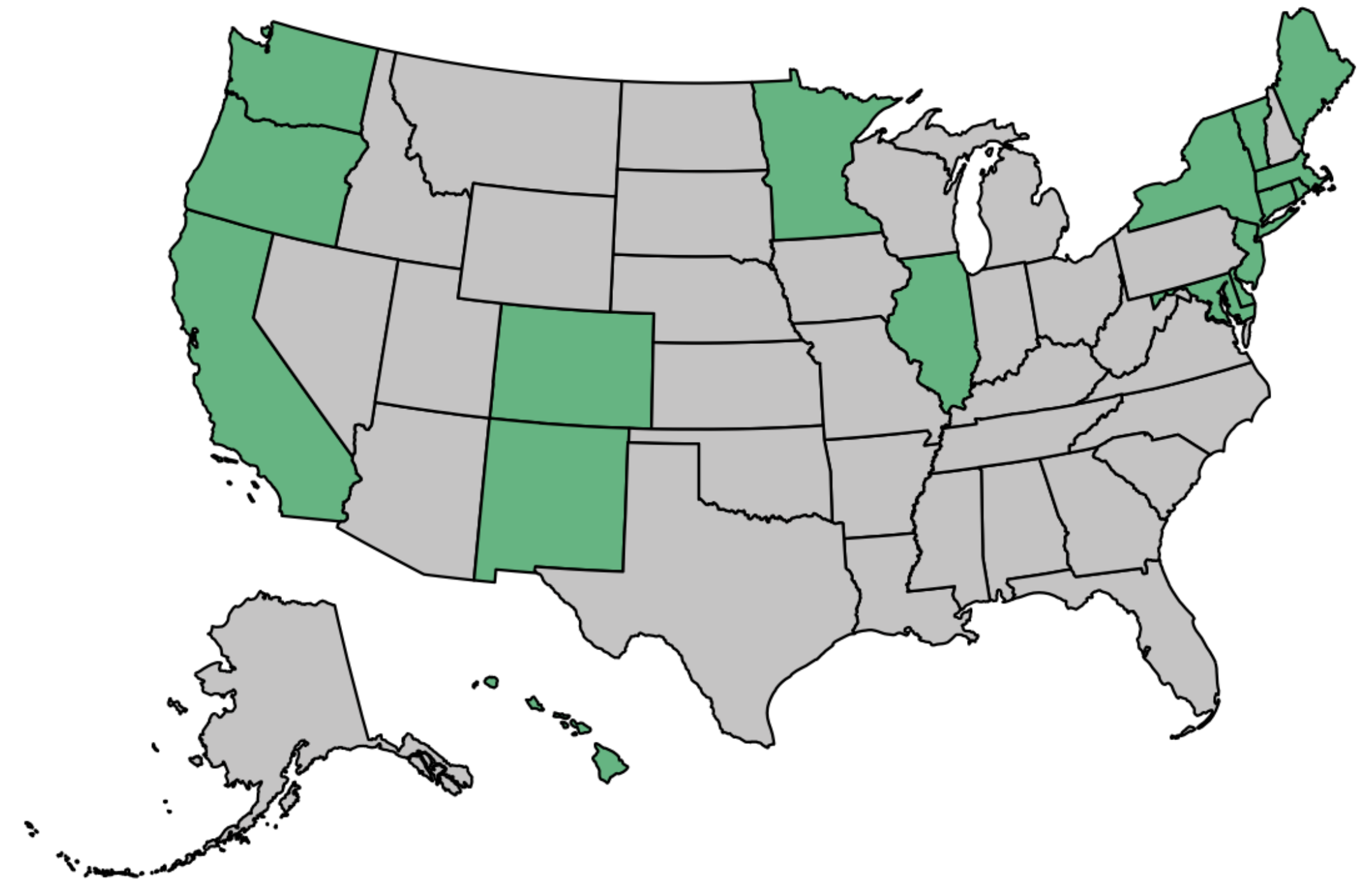


# National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

2000



2025



 Yes  No

Source: NPVIC



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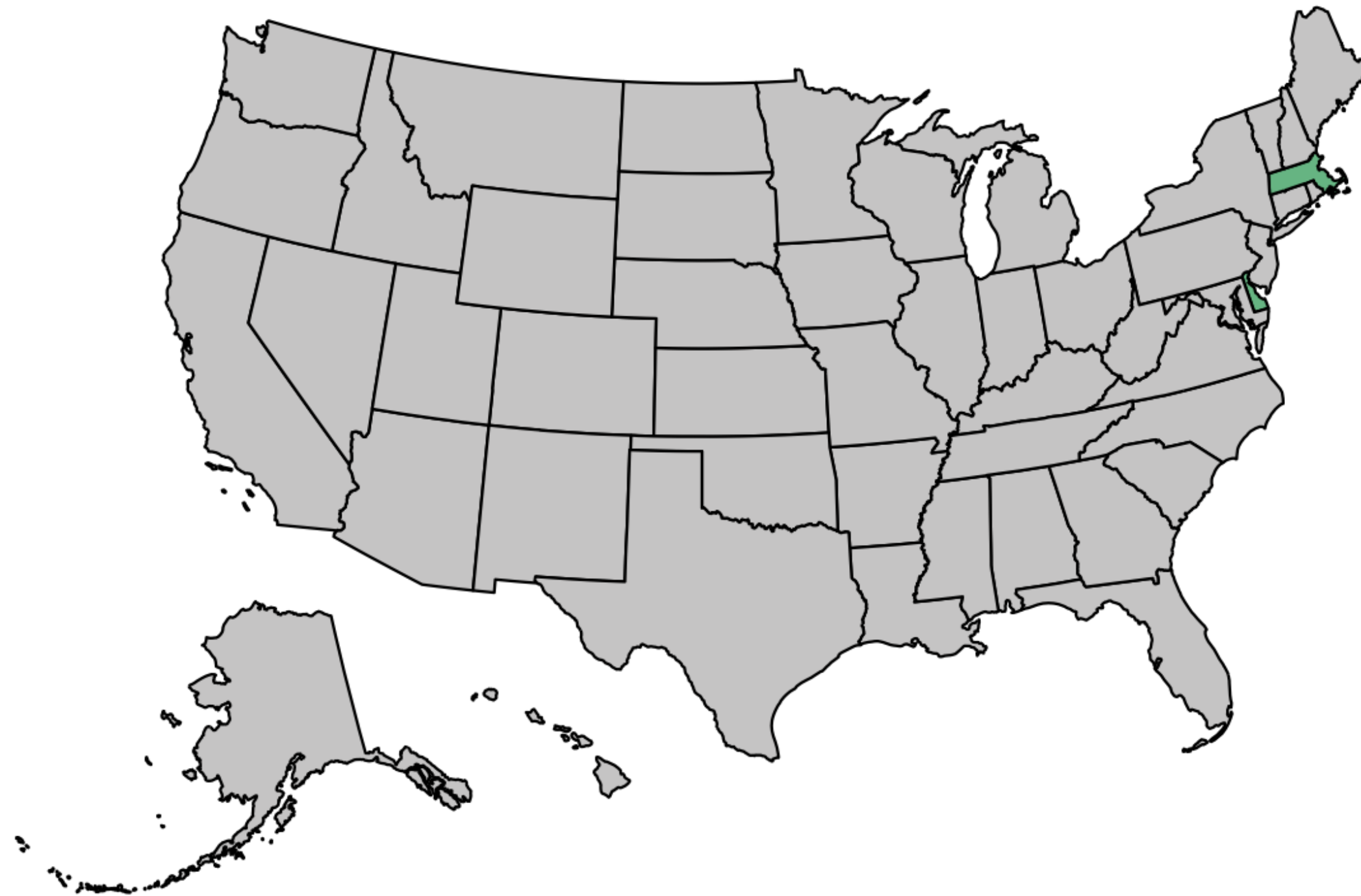
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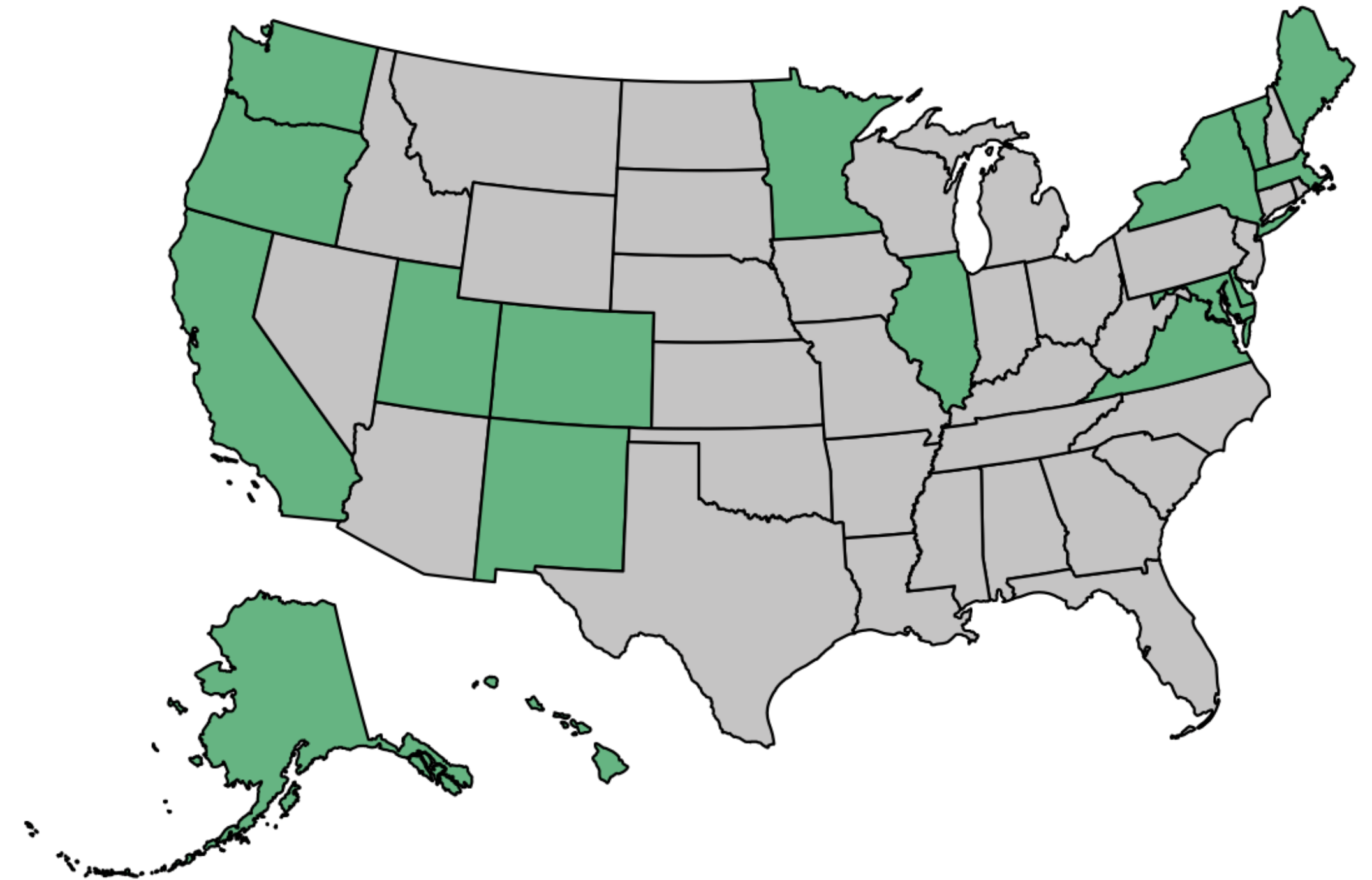


# Ranked Choice Voting (State and Local Use)

2000



2025



 Yes  No

Source: Ballotpedia



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Method	Republican Trifecta	Democratic Trifecta	Split Government	Total States
Citizen-Initiated Measure (State)	1	0	1	2
Local Measure	0	9	1	10
Local Government	0	2	0	2
State Legislation	1	2	0	3