State Level Voting Rights Acts

No updates required since June 12, 2024

**Background**

In the absence of the preclearance requirements struck from the federal Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court in 2013, a small number of states have enacted state-level voting rights acts which seek to achieve similar goals to the federal law. These policies work by requiring local jurisdictions to receive permission from state authorities before changing voting procedures, and by prohibiting racial discrimination in election administration.

**Scoring**

- State has enacted a state level voting rights act, 1 point
- State does not have a state level voting rights act, 0 points

**Summary Table**

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>State does not have a state level voting rights act</td>
<td>42 states &amp; D.C.</td>
<td>Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire</td>
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<td>State conducts all-mail elections</td>
<td>8 states</td>
<td>California, Connecticut, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Virginia, Washington</td>
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**State-by-State Sources and More Detail**

Alabama (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Alaska (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Arizona (0)
- State has no applicable law.

Arkansas (0)
- State has no applicable law.

California (1)
- State has enacted a state level voting rights act ([West’s Ann. Cal. Elect. Code § 14025 – 14032](#)).
Colorado (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Connecticut (1)
  - State has enacted a state level voting rights act (HB 6941, 2023).

Delaware (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

D.C. (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Florida (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Georgia (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Hawaii (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Idaho (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Illinois (1)
  - State has enacted a state level voting rights act (10 ILCS 120/Art. 5).

Indiana (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Iowa (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Kansas (0)
  - State has no applicable law.

Kentucky (0)
  - State has no applicable law.
Louisiana (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Maine (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Maryland (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Massachusetts (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Michigan (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Minnesota (1)
  • State has enacted a state level voting rights act ([MN HB 4772](#) (2024)).

Mississippi (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Missouri (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Montana (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Nebraska (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Nevada (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

New Hampshire (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

New Jersey (0)
  • State has no applicable law.
New Mexico (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

New York (1)
   • State has enacted a state level voting rights act (NY SB 1046 (2022)).

North Carolina (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

North Dakota (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

Ohio (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

Oklahoma (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

Oregon (1)
   • State has enacted a state level voting rights act (OR HB 3310 (2019)).

Pennsylvania (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

Rhode Island (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

South Carolina (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

South Dakota (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

Tennessee (0)
   • State has no applicable law.

Texas (0)
   • State has no applicable law.
Utah (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Vermont (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Virginia (1)
  • State has enacted a state level voting rights act ([VA SB 1395](#) (2021)).

Washington (1)
  • State has enacted a state level voting rights act ([Chapter 29A.92 RCW](#)).

West Virginia (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Wisconsin (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Wyoming (0)
  • State has no applicable law.

Democracy Map & Additional Resources
  • See our Democracy Map, [State Level Voting Rights Acts](#), which is updated in real time.