



## State Level Voting Rights Acts

No updates required since June 12, 2023

### 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

Category	Number	List
State does not have a state level voting rights act	43 states & D.C.	Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas Colorado Delaware D.C. Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska



		Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming
<b>State conducts all-mail elections</b>	7 states	California Connecticut Illinois New York Oregon Virginia Washington

### 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 (0)

- State has no applicable law.

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.