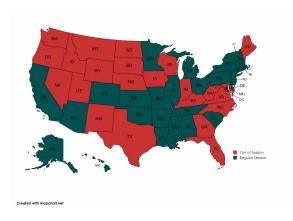


Legislative Weekly Update

April 25, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 27 States in Regular Session
- 23 States Out of Session



State Government Round-Up

Arizona – The House of Representatives voted on Wednesday to strike down the near total abortion ban put in place by the state's Supreme Court. Three Republicans voted with all 29 Democrats to pass the legislation. The Senate is expected to pass the repeal measure in early May and Democratic Governor Katie Hobbs has indicated she will sign it. Learn more here.

Hawaii – A bill that gives counties the authority to regulate and ban short term housing rentals has passed a joint House-Senate committee setting up a full House and Senate vote next week. Democratic Governor Josh Green has indicated he will sign the measure as part of an overall plan to convert short term rentals into longer term housing options to fill a massive need for housing. Learn more here.

lowa – The 2024 legislative session adjourned sine die on Saturday after legislators worked late into the night multiple nights in a row. Education reform, tax cuts, school security, and illegal immigration policies were passed by the Republican majorities and are on their way to Governor Kim Reynolds to sign into law. **Learn more here.**

Missouri – A sports betting advocacy organization called Winning for Missouri Education announced it has collected roughly 325,000 signatures to get its ballot petition legalizing sports gambling before voters on the 2024 ballot. The Secretary of State's office requires approximately 171,000 signatures by May 5 to place an issue on the ballot. Learn more here.

Nebraska – The legislature adjourned last week after passing more than 370 bills including health care, criminal justice and school safety reform.

North Carolina – On even numbered years, lawmakers in the General Assembly meet for short sessions and on odd numbered years they meet for a full regular session. The 2024 legislative "short session" kicked off on Wednesday and is expected to last thru the end of June with a focus on finalizing the state's two-year budget. Learn more here.

Tennessee – Governor Bill Lee was forced to admit his statewide school voucher program, a priority of his administration, would not pass through the legislature this year. The Governor plans to pursue the legislation in next year's session after this year's elections. The legislature is now expected to adjourn this week. **Learn more here.**

Virginia – Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-07) now has a clear path to the Democratic nomination in

Lawmakers declined to pass Governor Jim Pillen's proposal to reduce property taxes by 40% by raising sales taxes leading the Governor to announce a special session will be held later this year. **Learn more here.**

New York – The State Senate and Assembly passed the state budget over the weekend – well past the April 1 start of their fiscal year. Included in the budget package were measures aimed at addressing the affordable housing crisis, crime prevention, environmental protections and mental health care. Learn more here.

the 2025 Governor's race. Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney (D) dropped out of the running and will instead seek the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. Learn more here.



What We Are Reading

- Mike Johnson's Momentous Shift; POLITICO
- Why is California behind Texas and other states in curbing homelessness? LA Times
- Holdout states consider expanding Medicaid — with work requirements; Stateline
- Justices debate whether cities can make sleeping outside a crime; Route Fifty



Cool Jobs

- Director of Government Relations, Outreach; NCAA
- State Government Relations Director;
 American Heart Association
- Director, Advocacy and Government Relations; National School Board Association
- Government Relations Director; Center for Al Policy
- Head of State Government Affairs;
 Pacific Life
- Director, State Government Affairs; Entertainment Software Association

Political Industry Events

April 24-26

National Lieutenant Governors Association, Spring Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC



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