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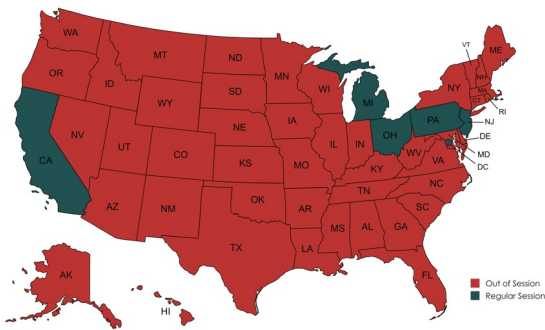
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State Government Weekly Update

August 22, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 5 States in Regular Session
- 45 States Out of Session



State Government Round-Up

The GOP currently controls 57 legislative chambers, while Democrats control 41 (Nebraska's unicameral legislature is nonpartisan). According to Ben Williams, associate director of elections and redistricting at the National Conference of State Legislatures, there are ten competitive chamber races to watch this fall. Only one state — Pennsylvania — currently has a split legislature. [Learn more here.](#)

State Chamber races considered in play in November's election:

- Arizona House
- Arizona Senate
- Michigan House
- Minnesota House
- New Hampshire House
- New Hampshire Senate
- Pennsylvania House
- Pennsylvania Senate
- Wisconsin House
- Wisconsin Senate

Check Out Our State Budget Tracker Below!

State Government Round-Up Continued

California – Earlier this month, lawmakers rejected around a third of the 830 bills in the “suspense file,” including several significant crime bills. Over 500 bills are still pending, but they need to receive final

Nebraska – The state's special session ended with two budget-related legislative bills passed and signed by the Governor to help offset the cost of Nebraska's latest core property tax relief plan.

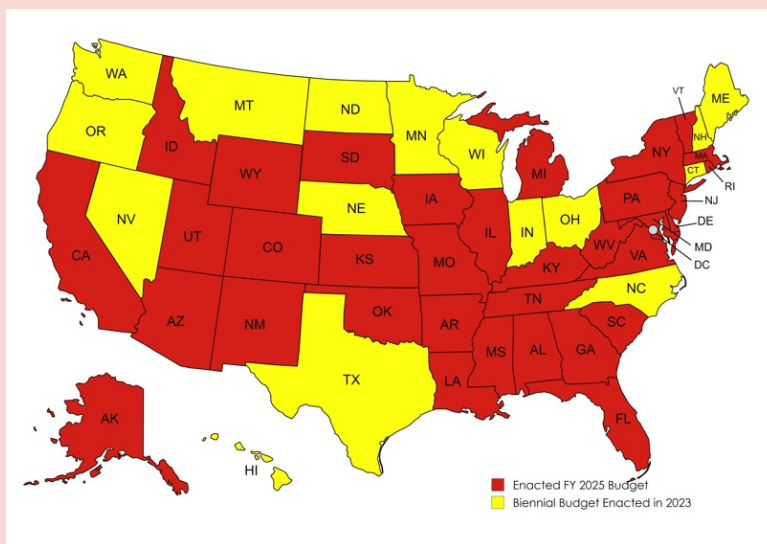
legislative approval by August 31 to be forwarded to the governor. [Learn more here.](#)

Colorado - For the second year in a row, Gov. Jared Polis called lawmakers into a special legislative session to cut property taxes. Only this time, lawmakers won't reconvene just out of concern over rising property taxes; it's also out of fear that without a special session, voters might enact tax cuts so deep that they decimate state and local budgets. The session will start Aug. 26 and would have to last at least three days in order to send a bill to the governor's desk to be signed into law. [Learn more here.](#)

A proposal for the three-day special session would ask voters for a constitutional change to block any further statewide ballot measures that would limit property tax revenue. The draft bill isn't going over well in some circles. Sources are warning that it could blow up the deal crafted among lawmakers, Gov. Jared Polis, and proponents of the two ballot measures (which would cut property taxes further than what lawmakers approved earlier this year). [Learn more here.](#)

Legislative Bill 34, which passed **40-3** on the final day of the Legislature's special session Tuesday, provides \$185 million in new tax relief, or about 3.5% over the \$5.3 billion in local property taxes collected in 2023. Some Nebraskans might see their first relief as LB 34 repurposes the existing income tax credit for property tax paid to appear on property tax statements, rather than requiring property owners to request a refund later. [Learn more here.](#)

Utah - The State Legislature met in a special session this week and passed a resolution that will put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot this November. It's in response to the Utah Supreme Court's ruling last month that the legislature overstepped its bounds when it overrode a citizen initiative on independent redistricting. [Learn more here.](#)



State Budget Tracker

As of August 22nd, 50 states have enacted a budget for FY 2025. Sixteen of those states enacted a biennial budget during their 2023 legislative session.

- Forty-six states began fiscal year 2025 on July 1.
- New York began its fiscal year on April 1.
- Texas begins its fiscal year on September 1.
- Alabama and Michigan begin their fiscal year on October 1.

A full list of states and budget information can be accessed [here.](#)



What We Are Reading

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- *Lawmakers explore AI benefits, risks at national summit; Pluribus News*

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- **Manager, State and Local, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google (Boulder, CO)**
- **Director of State Government & External Affairs-Eastern United States; Rocket Companies**
- **Manager, State and Local Government Affairs; Bosch USA (DC or MI)**

Industry Happenings and Important Events

August 19-22

Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL

September 4-6

Republican Legislative Campaign Committee's (RLCC) & Republican Lieutenant Governors Association's (RLGA) Fall Meeting in Frisco, TX

September 25-27

PAC Government Relations and Policy Conference in Washington, DC





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