

State Government Weekly Update

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State Legislative Session Map

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State Government Round-Up

Alaska - Ahead of next week's general election, the Alaska Republican Party is urging its supporters to vote in favor of a measure that would repeal the state's ranked choice elections system. But before they vote on repeal, members of the GOP in the state's largest House district are being asked to use the system one last time to boost the odds of keeping the district in Republican hands. Learn more here.

Colorado – A sweeping election measure backed by some of Colorado's wealthiest donors and corporations has become one of the most expensive ballot initiative campaigns in state history. The measure would abolish party primaries and enact a top-four ranked choice voting system for most state and federal elections. Learn more here.

State Government Round-Up Continued

Florida - A lengthy legal dispute over whether the Seminole Tribe of Florida should hold exclusive rights to online sports betting in Florida resulted in an agreement this week designed to avoid future litigation. **Learn more here.**

Florida - Two associations that represent Meta, X, and Google filed a suit Monday to stop a Florida law barring children under 14 from maintaining social media accounts. The Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA) and NetChoice want a federal court to prevent enforcement of the law (HB3), claiming it violates the First Amendment, that its definition of a social

Missouri – Voters may overturn one of the nation's strictest abortion bans via an amendment on the ballot that would protect "the right to make and carry out decisions about all matters relating to reproductive health care." **Learn more here.**

Nebraska - Educators from Iowa, Wisconsin and the National Education Association are joining Cornhusker State educators in urging Nebraskans to repeal a law that funds "education scholarships" for private K-12 schools. **Learn more here.**

Oregon - Oregon is one step closer to using a state forest to help capture and store more planet-

media platform is too vague, and that it contradicts federal statute. The law goes into effect on Jan.1. **Learn more here.**

Kentucky - More than \$16 million will be spent wooing Kentuckians to vote for or against the so-called "school choice" amendment, making it the most expensive election ever over changing Kentucky's 1891 Constitution. **Learn more here.**

Maine - Legislative Republicans have received a nearly \$1.4 million funding boost from a Washington, D.C.-based committee in the final stretch of this election season to try to bust the state's current Democratic trifecta. Learn more here.

Massachusetts - A measure on the November ballot in Massachusetts, if passed, would legalize personal use and establish a body to develop rules for therapeutic administration. **Learn more here.**

warming greenhouse gases, and to fight climate change and earn money through the carbon market. Leaders at the Department of State Lands signed a development **agreement** Thursday to enter all of the nearly 83,000-acre Elliott State Forest near Coos Bay into the voluntary carbon market for 40 years. **Learn more here.**

South Carolina - A Washington, D.C., firm continues to comb through 16,000 files and 27 gigabytes of data to find the origins of \$1.8 billion in South Carolina tax dollars that sat unidentified and untouched — on paper, at least — for more than five years. **Learn more here.**

Wisconsin - On Tuesday, voters across Wisconsin will decide the shape of the Wisconsin State Assembly under new legislative maps, which were adopted in February after the state Supreme Court ruled the old maps were an unconstitutional gerrymander. Learn more here.



What We Are Reading

- How a Sales Tax Helped Oklahoma City Get a Piece of the Summer Olympics; Governing
- School choice ballot measure framed as a pivotal decision for Kentucky education; AP



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