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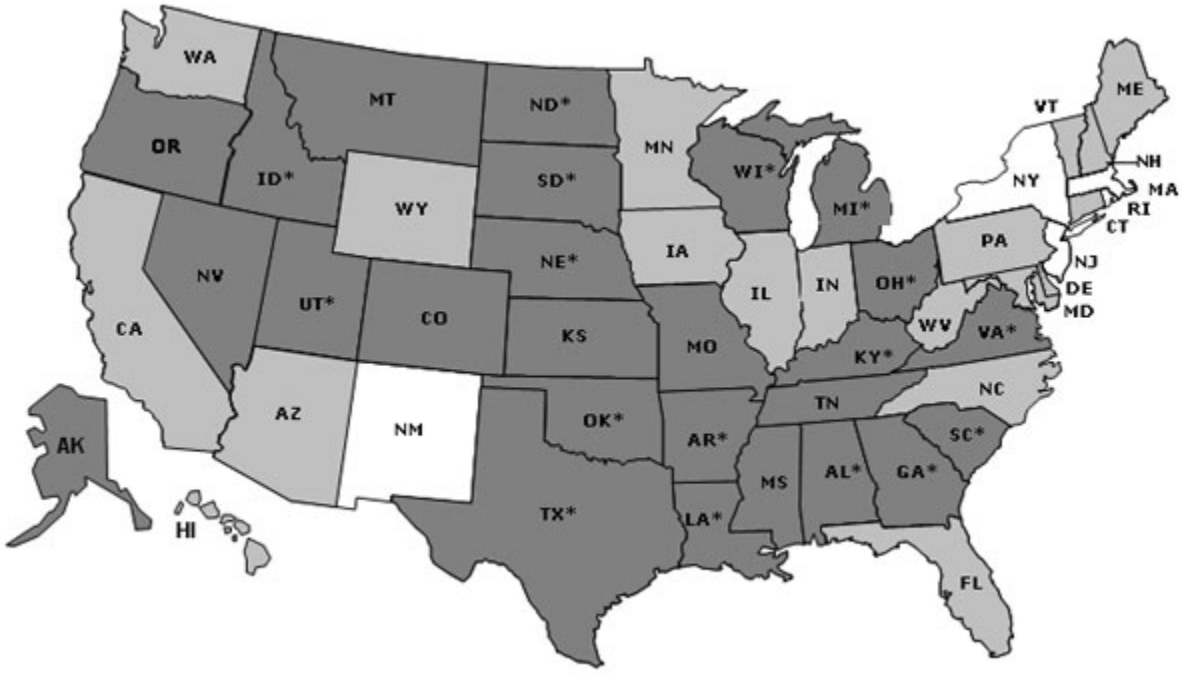
Statewide Marriage Prohibitions



Statewide prohibitions against marriage for same-sex couples are in place in most states – either in the form of statutory law or amendment to the state's constitution. States that explicitly bar same-sex couples from marriage are as follows.

States with constitutional amendments restricting marriage to one man and one woman. (26 states)
Alabama (2006), Alaska (1998), Arkansas (2004), Colorado, Georgia (2004), Kansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Kentucky (2004), Louisiana (2004), Michigan (2004), Mississippi (2004), Missouri (2004), Montana (2004), Nebraska (2000), Nevada (2002), North Dakota (2004), Ohio (2004), Oklahoma (2004), Oregon (2004), South Carolina (2006), South Dakota (2006), Tennessee (2006), Texas (2005), Utah (2004), Virginia()2006) and Wisconsin (2006).

States with law restricting marriage to one man and one woman. (19 states)
In addition to those listed above, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Broader Consequences: *States where the law or amendment has language that does, or may, affect other legal relationships, such as civil unions or domestic partnerships. (17 states): *Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.*

Pending Legislation: As of this writing, hostile amendments are being considered by legislators in 9 states: Alaska, Delaware, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Washington and West Virginia. Keep track of all state legislative action on the HRC website .