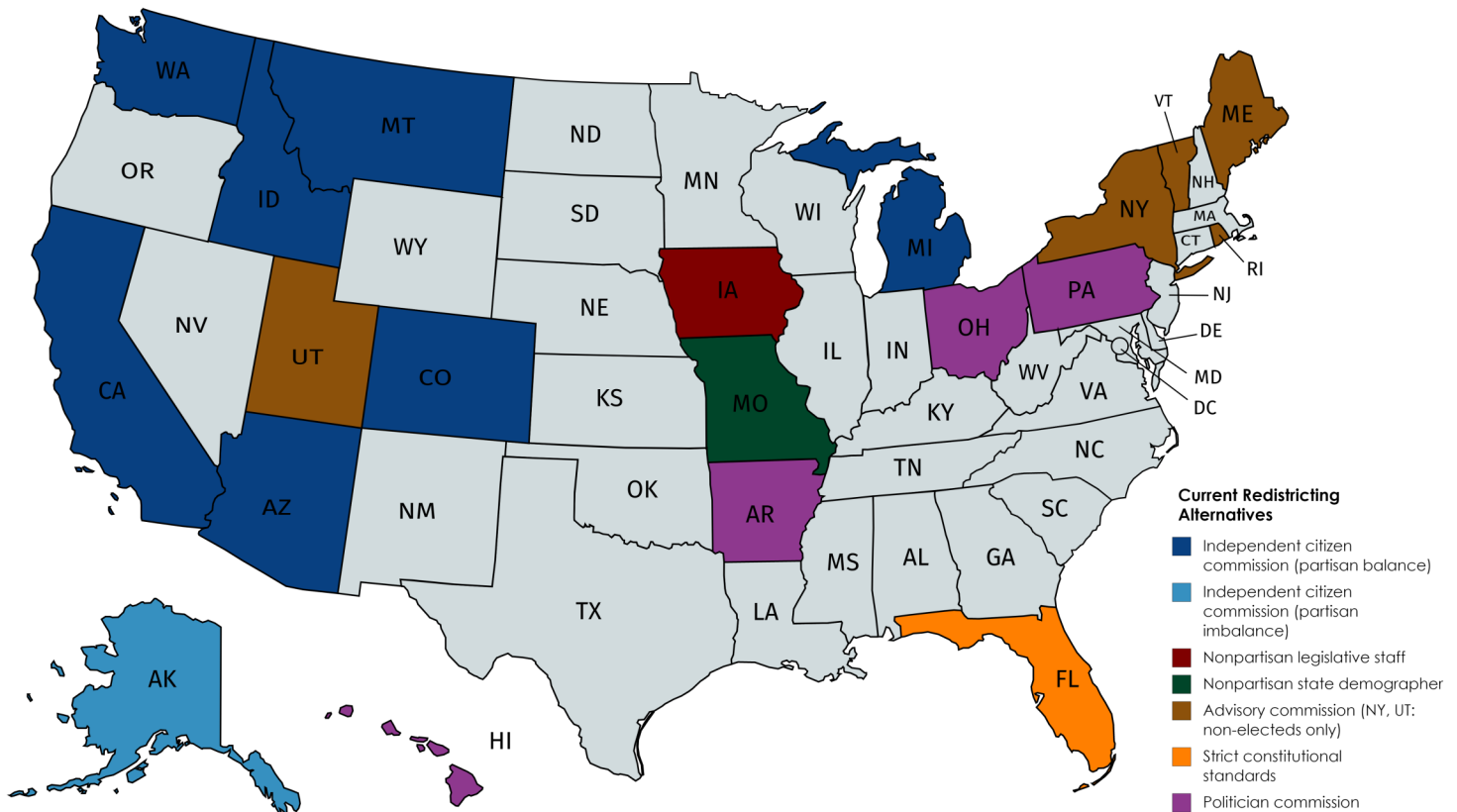


State Redistricting Reform and Litigation



ARKANSAS. Signature gathering will begin soon for a 2020 ballot initiative to create an independent citizens redistricting commission.

MARYLAND. Common Cause Maryland and allies lead the Tame the Gerrymander coalition.

MICHIGAN. Implementation is underway for the independent citizens redistricting commission created in 2018 by ballot initiative. Advocates are actively opposing two federal lawsuits, which opponents filed to stop implementation of the commission.

MINNESOTA. Common Cause Minnesota is energizing activists and lobbying in support of legislation that would create a hybrid citizens/retired judges advisory commission to draw districts.

MISSOURI. Advocates are actively opposing the Missouri State Legislature's attempt to roll back anti-gerrymandering provisions of the Clean Missouri initiative, which voters passed in 2018.

NEW YORK. Advocates are working to pass ballot initiatives creating local redistricting commissions in Albany, Syracuse, and Dutchess County. Common Cause New York is strongly supporting these initiatives.

NORTH CAROLINA. In September 2019, a North Carolina state court ruled in *Common Cause v. Lewis* that state legislative districts were a partisan gerrymander in violation of the North Carolina Constitution. The legislature must draw new maps for use in the 2020 elections. A lawsuit, *Harper v. Lewis*, is also pending in state court challenging the North Carolina congressional districts.

OREGON. Common Cause Oregon and other advocates are considering a 2020 ballot initiative to create an independent citizens redistricting commission.

PENNSYLVANIA. Common Cause Pennsylvania is a leader in the movement for redistricting reform in Pennsylvania and is active in supporting legislation to make redistricting fairer and more transparent.

SOUTH DAKOTA. A 2020 ballot initiative to reform redistricting has been approved for signature-gathering by the secretary of state.

VIRGINIA. Advocates are working toward second session passage of a constitutional amendment to create a redistricting commission composed of legislators and non-legislators, as well as enabling legislation that sets out strict districting criteria and commissioner selection process.