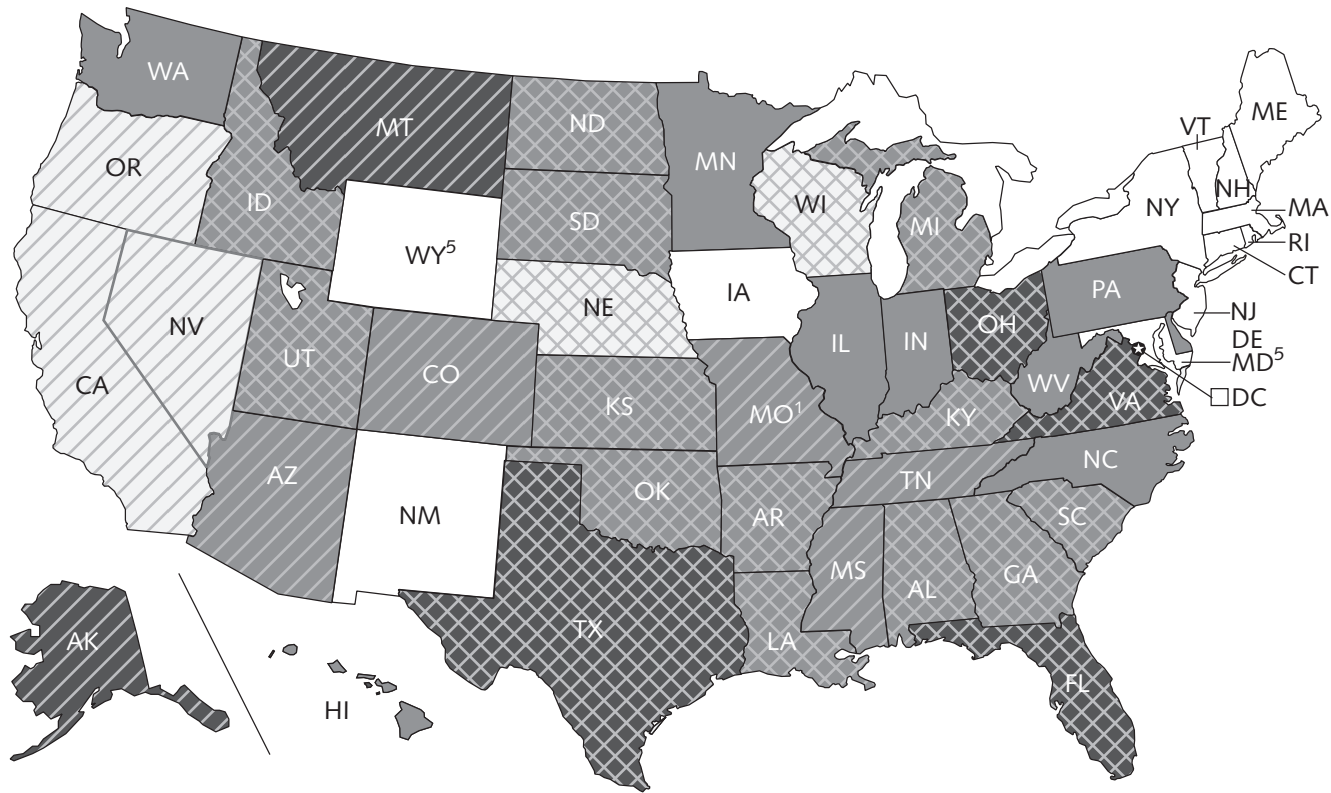


State Laws Prohibiting Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships

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- No prohibition on same-sex relationships
- Constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage only
- Broad constitutional amendment banning marriage and other relationships (civil unions, DPs)
- Statute banning same-sex marriage only
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Prohibitions Against Same-Sex Marriage

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| <p>Statutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1995-UT⁴ 1996-AZ, DE, GA, ID, IL, KS, MI, MO¹, NC, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN 1997-AR, IN, ME, MN, MS, ND, VA⁴, TX⁴ 1998-AL, HI², KY, WA 1999-LA 2000-CO, WV 2001-MO | <p>Constitutional Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1998-AK 2002-NV 2004-MO, MS, MT, OR 2006-CO, TN 2008-AZ, CA³ |
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Broader Prohibitions Against Same-Sex Relationships

(may ban other forms of partner recognition in addition to marriage, like domestic partnership and civil unions; some ban these for unmarried opposite-sex couples as well)

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| <p>Statutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997-AK, FL, MT 2003-TX⁴ 2004-VA⁴, OH, UT⁴ | <p>Constitutional Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2000-NE 2004-LA, AR, GA, KY, MI, ND, OH, OK, UT⁴ 2005-KS, TX⁴ 2006-AL, ID, SC, SD, VA⁴, WI 2008-FL |
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¹ Missouri's 1996 anti-marriage law was overturned by its state supreme court, but another law passed in 2001.

² Hawaii enacted a state constitutional amendment in 1998 stating that "the legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." In turn, also in 1998, the state legislature passed a law prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying.

³ California still recognizes the 18,000+ same-sex marriages that were performed prior to the passage of Proposition 8 in November 2008.

⁴ Virginia, Texas, and Utah have both a narrow and broad statutory ban on marriage, as well as a constitutional amendment.

⁵ Maryland and Wyoming are not included here because their laws limiting marriage pre-date the 1993 Hawaii decision *Baehr v Lewin*, which prompted many states to implement prohibitions against same-sex marriage.