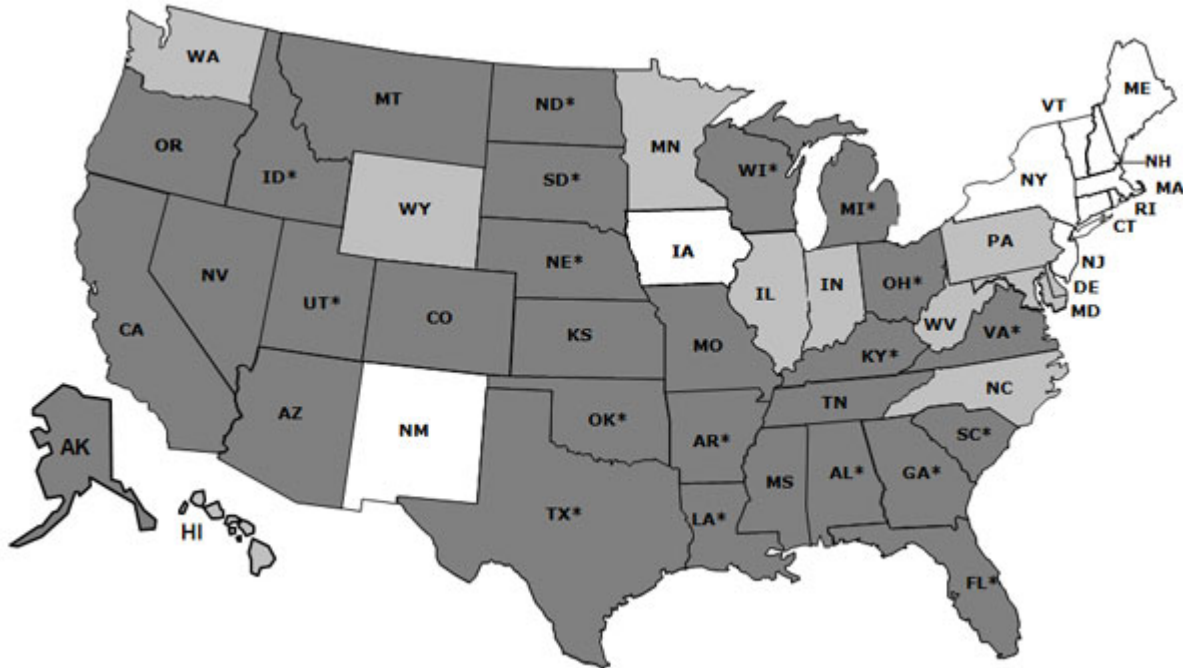





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
## Statewide Marriage Prohibitions



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. (29 states)

*Alabama (2006), Alaska (1998), Arizona (2008), Arkansas (2004), California (2008), Colorado, Florida (2008), 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. (11 states)

*In addition to those listed above, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, 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. (18 states): *Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.*

Maine: Maine has enacted marriage equality legislation, effective in mid-September 2009. However, this law is may be stayed if opponents of marriage equality gather enough signatures to place a ballot measure before voters