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The NVRA and Voter Registration Systems in the South

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Voter Registration Systems and Accessibility in the South

- ❑ Introduction to the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)
 - ❑ Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 primarily
- ❑ Comparison of Southern State Voter Registration Systems and Accessibility
 - ❑ EAVS Policy Survey Results (2024)
- ❑ Highlight Recent and Current Legislative Efforts in the South



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The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA)

☐ Purpose:

- To enhance voter participation in federal elections.
- To simplify and standardize voter registration across states.

☐ Key Provisions:

- “Motor Voter” Law
- Mail Registration
- Public Agency Registration
- Maintenance of Voter Roles

☐ Impact:

- Increased access to voter registration
- Strengthened federal oversight of state voter registration practices
- Helped modernize voter registration systems nationwide



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The NVRA: Voter Registration Entities



- ✓ State motor vehicle offices
- ✓ Mail application(s)
- ✓ State public assistance offices
- ✓ State disability services offices
- ✓ Armed Forces recruitment offices
- ✓ Other state-designated offices



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The NVRA: Registered Voter Lists



☐ Registrants may be removed:

- Upon death
- Upon written confirmation of the change of address
- Upon the registrant's request
- Due to mental incapacity*
- Due to criminal conviction*
- Upon failure to respond to certain mailings
- Upon failure to appear to vote in two (2) consecutive federal general elections



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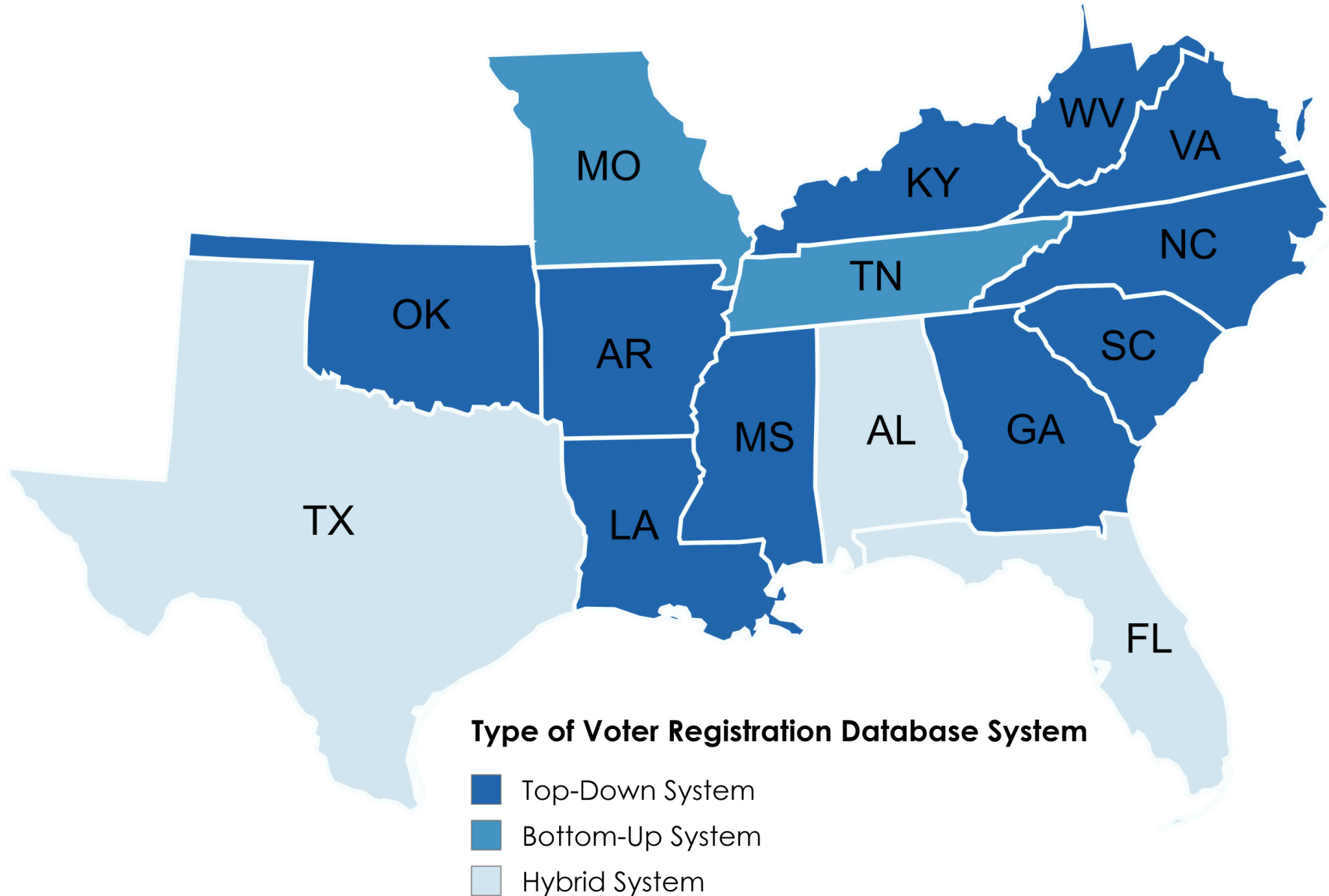
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The Biennial Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS): Comparing the States of the South



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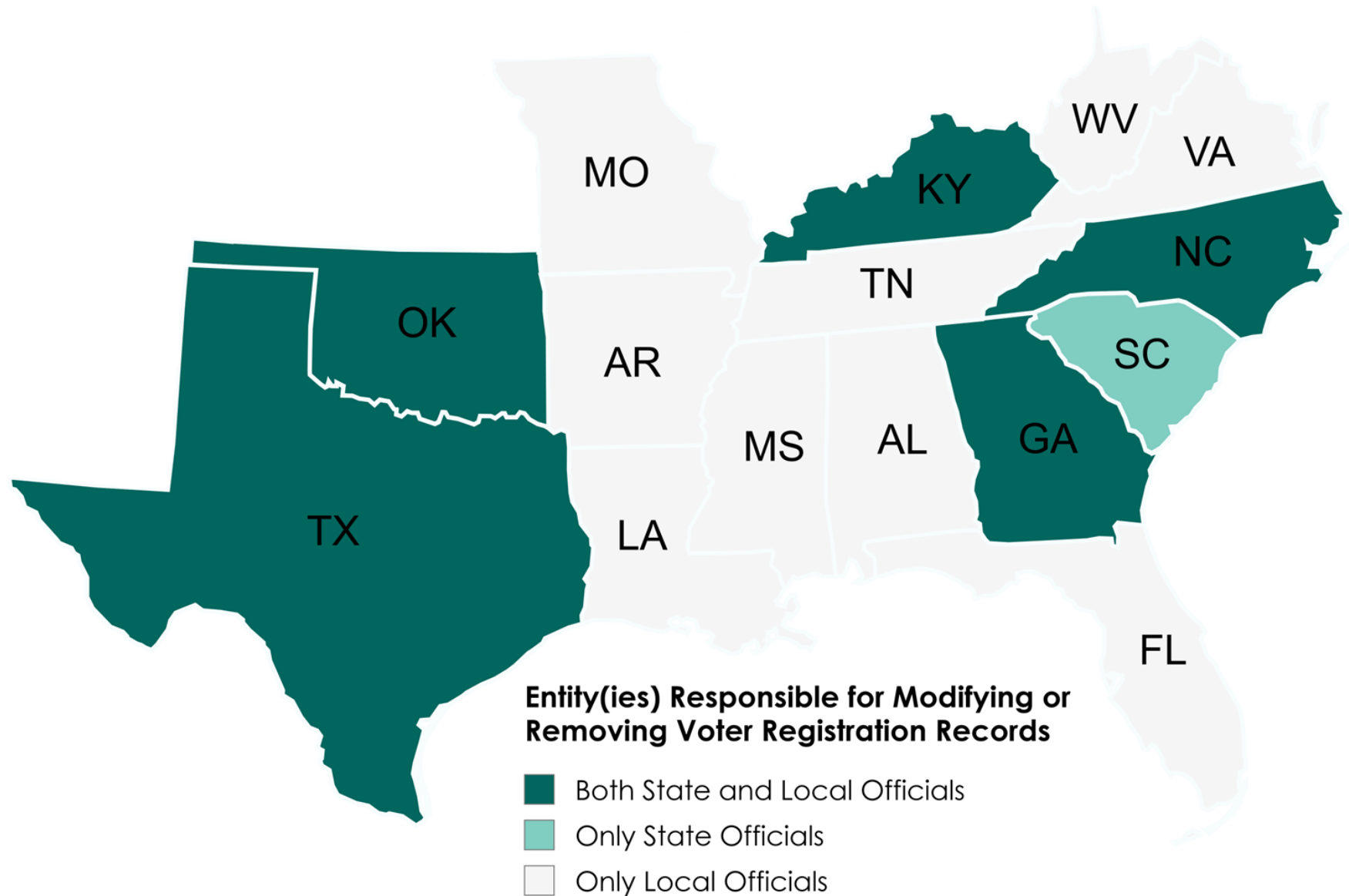
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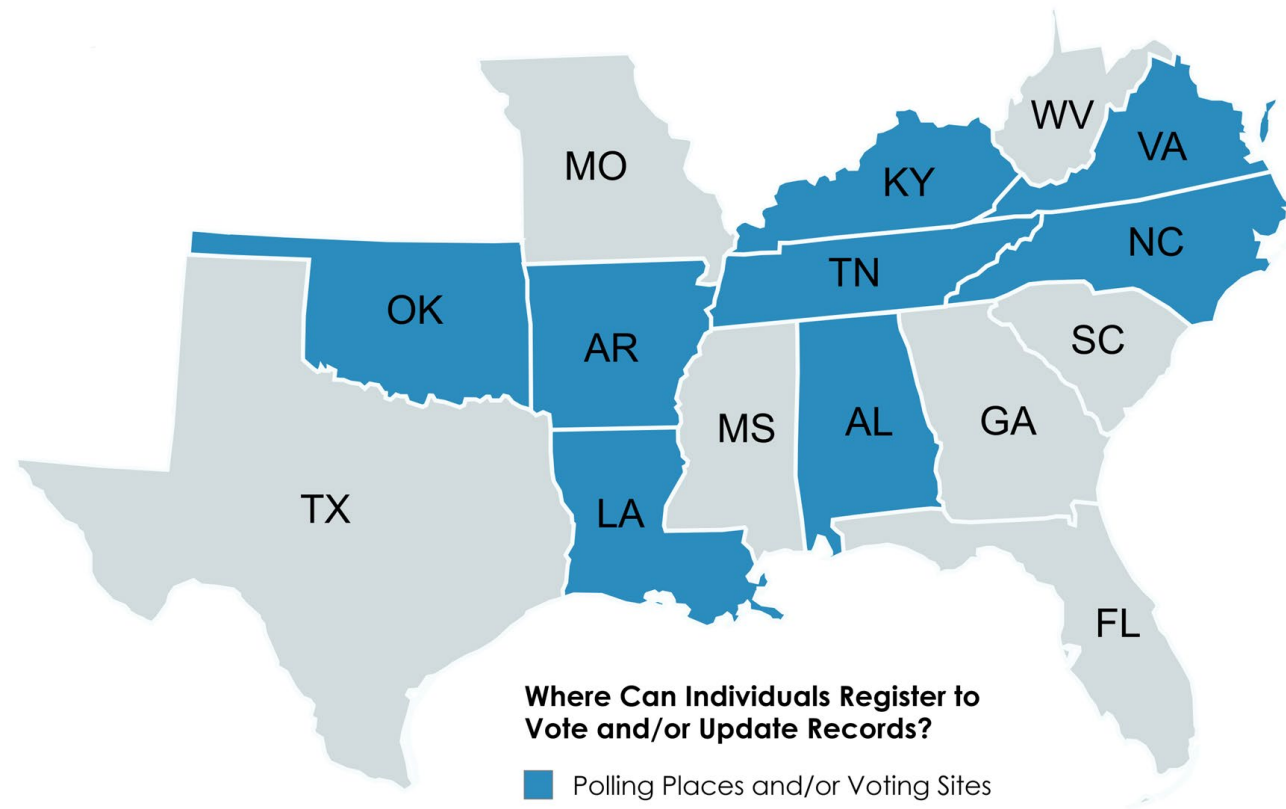




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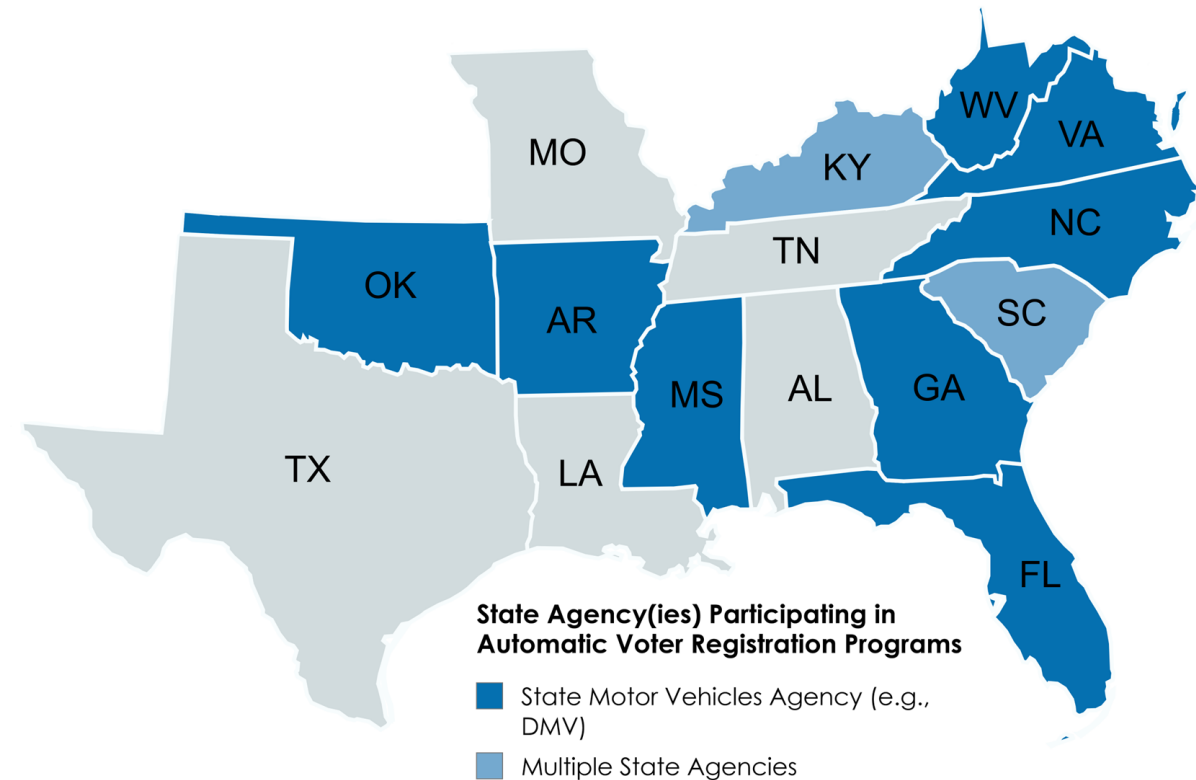
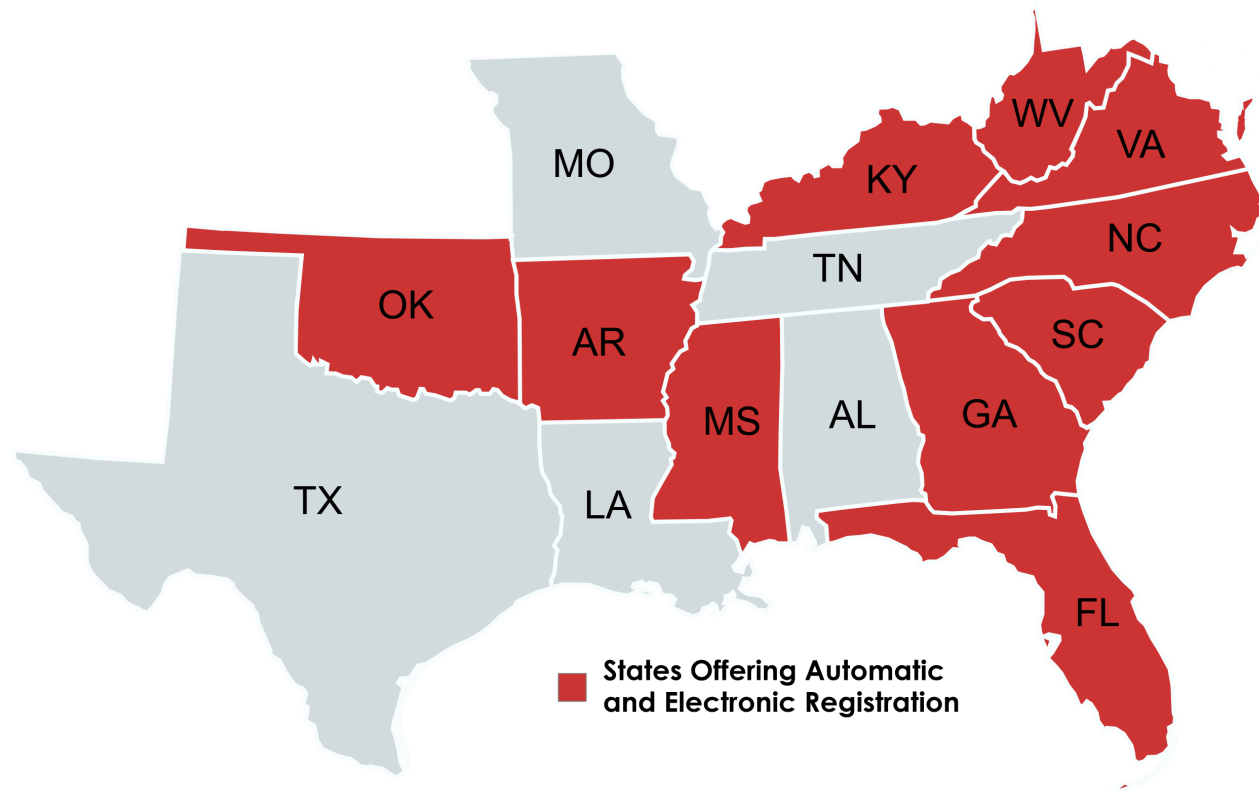


- ❑ All states in the South allow registration/updates submitted at:
 - *Election/Registrar's Office (In-Person)*
 - *Motor Vehicle Offices*
- ❑ Other locations/entities vary among states
 - Every state except Florida allows mail, fax, and/or email submissions of updates or voter registration
 - Arkansas only allows via mail
 - South Carolina does not allow registration drives to submit or update this information



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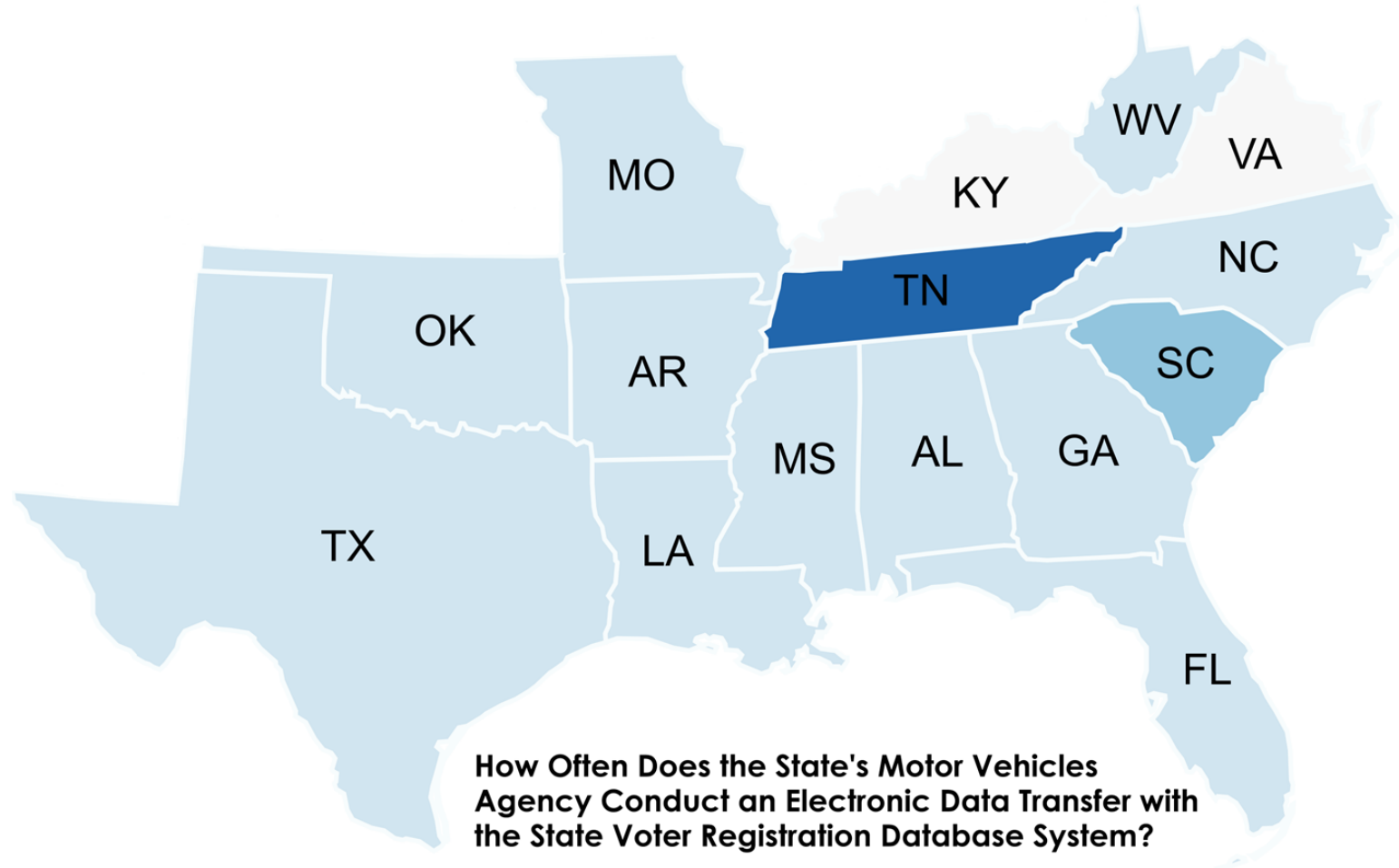
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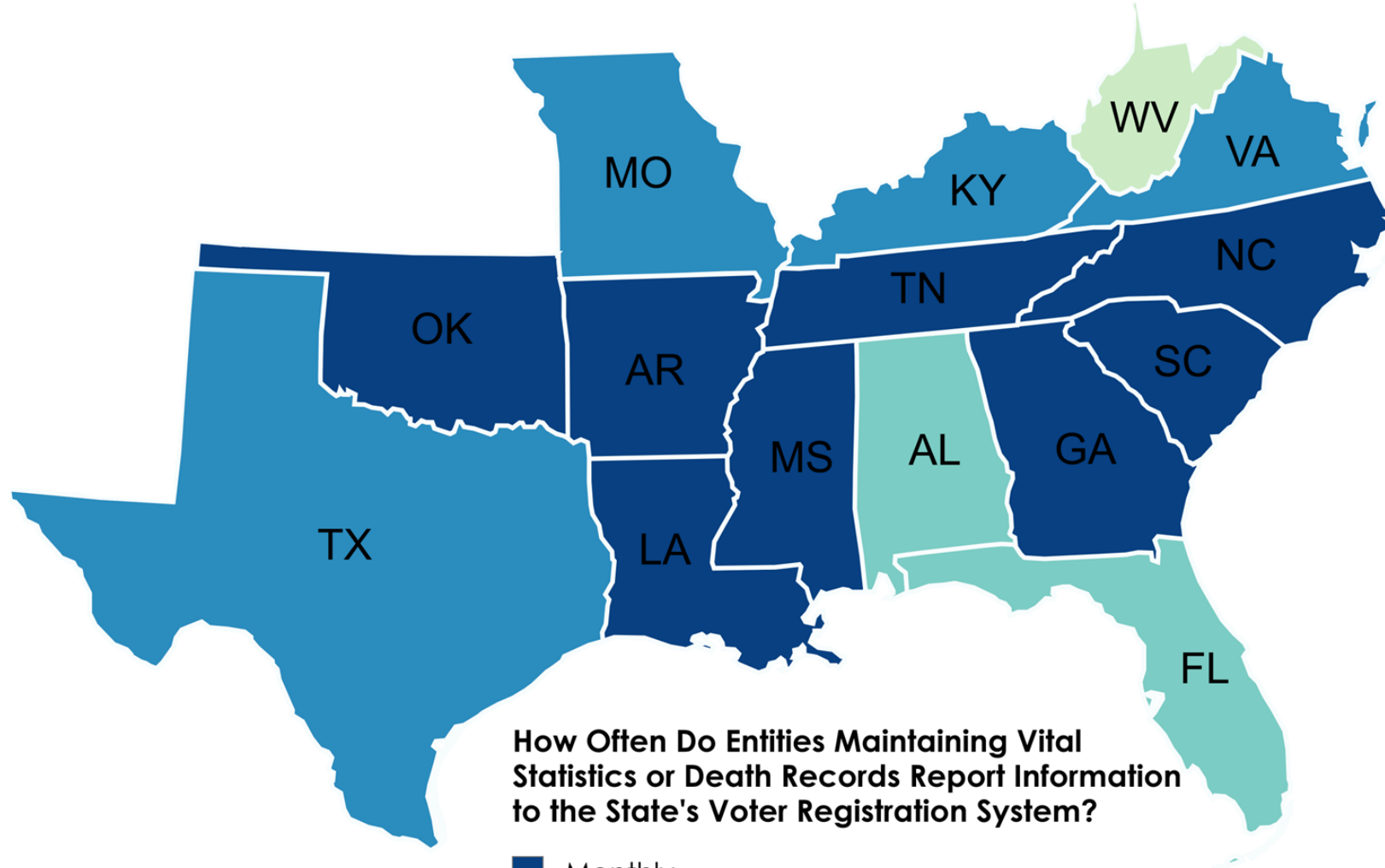
How Often Does the State's Motor Vehicles Agency Conduct an Electronic Data Transfer with the State Voter Registration Database System?

- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- In Real-Time



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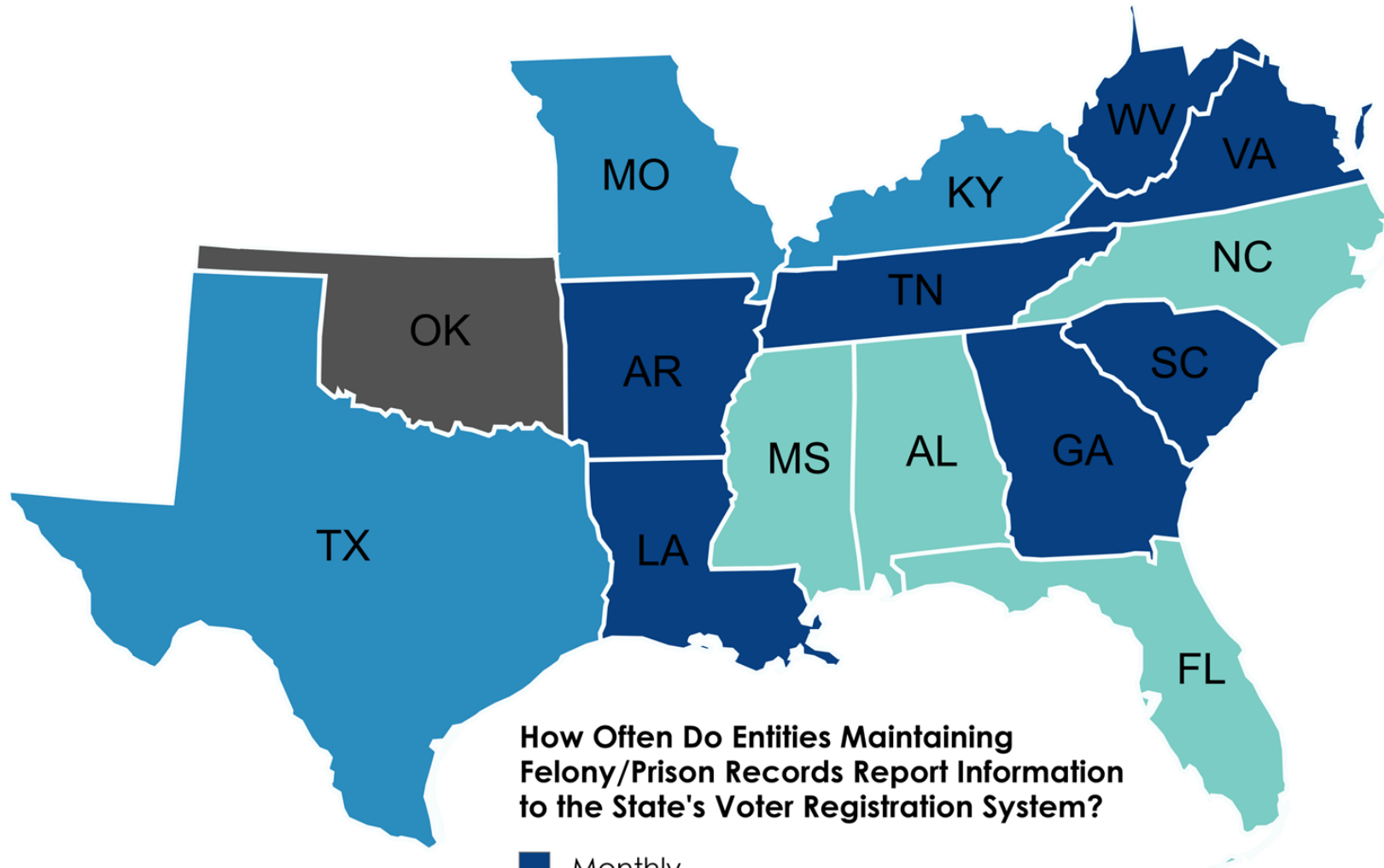
How Often Do Entities Maintaining Vital Statistics or Death Records Report Information to the State's Voter Registration System?

- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- As Available



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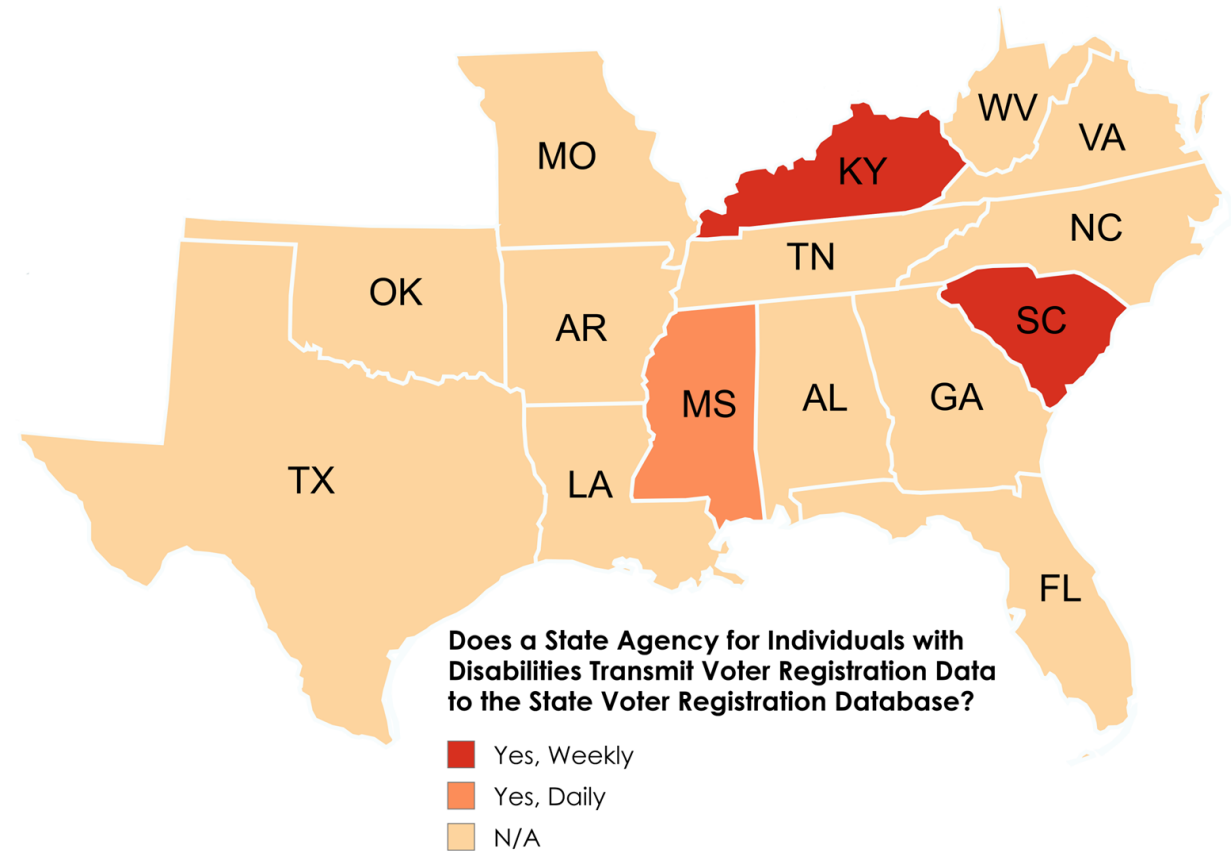
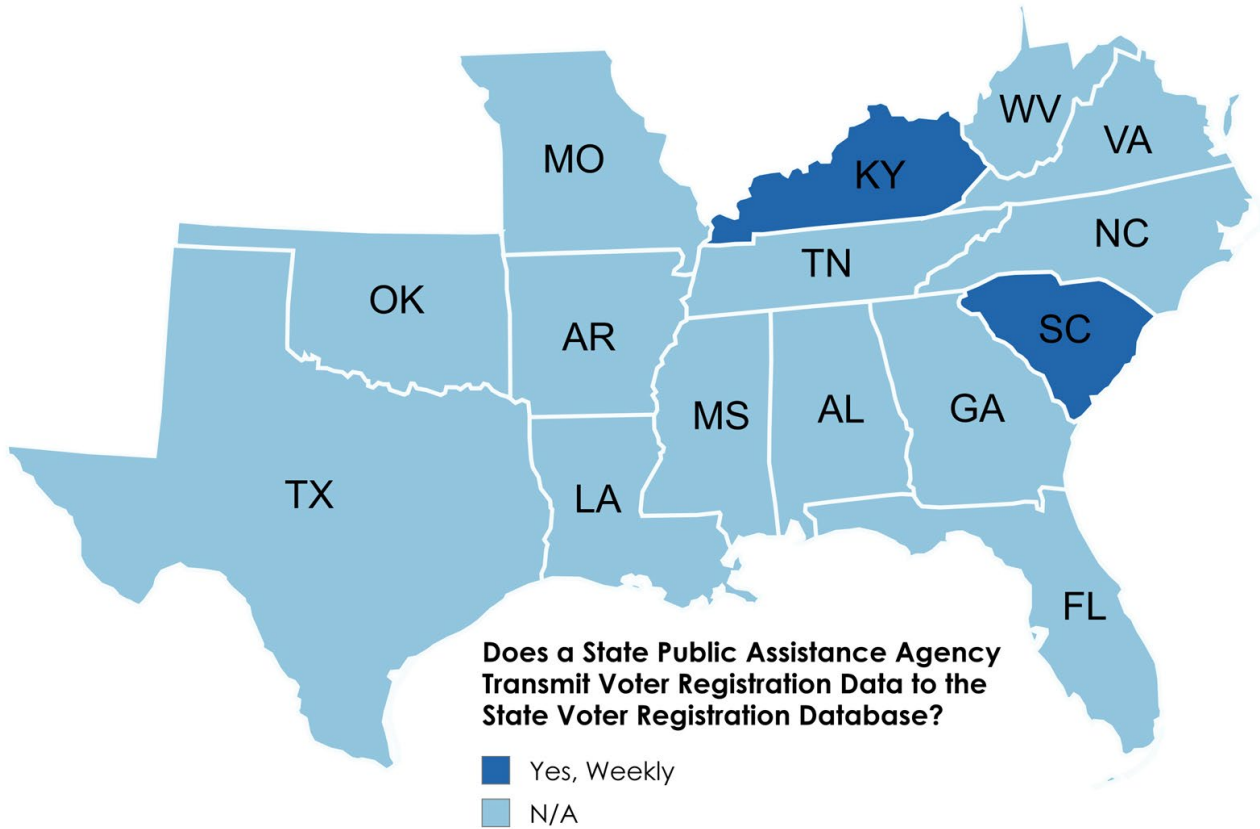
**How Often Do Entities Maintaining
Felony/Prison Records Report Information
to the State's Voter Registration System?**

- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- N/A



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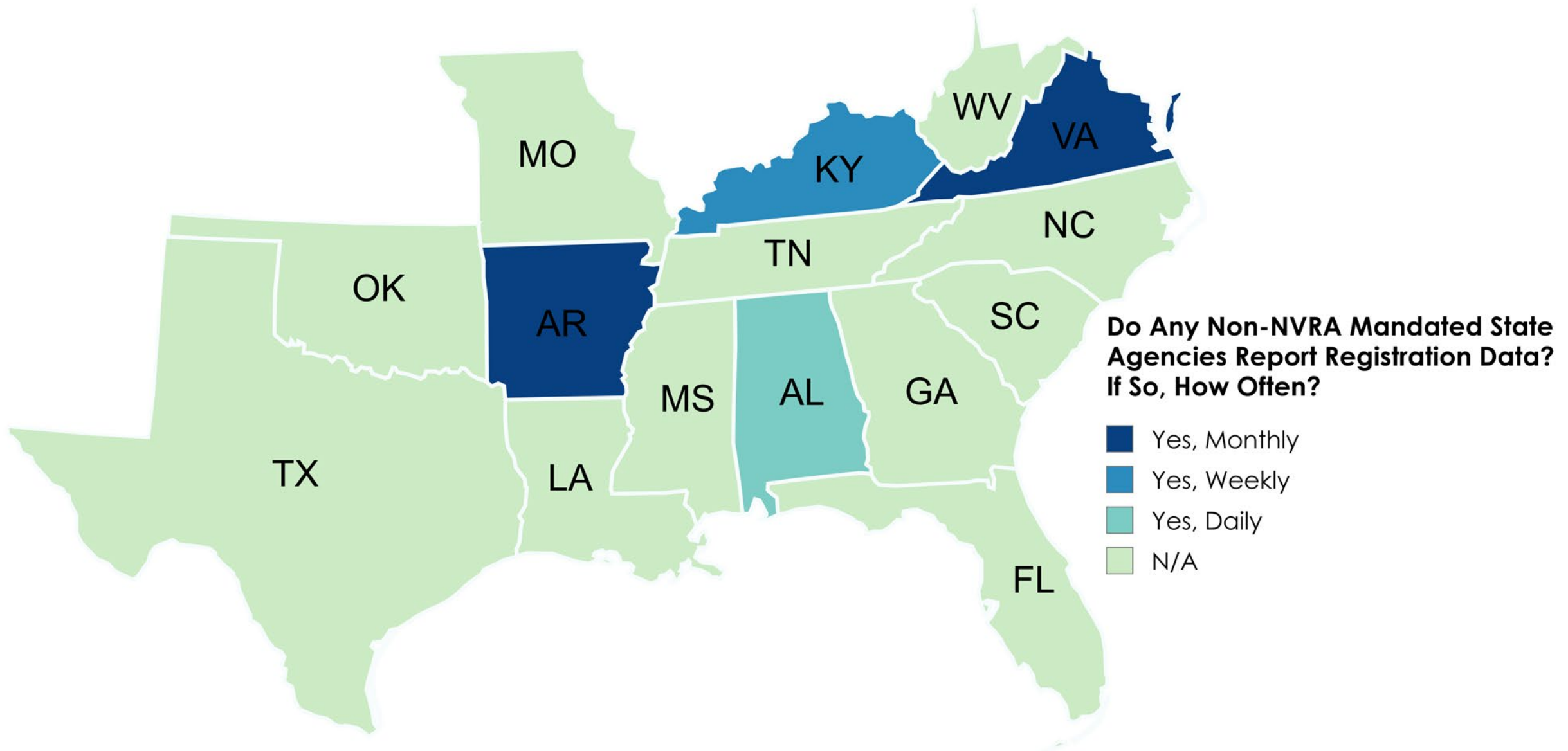
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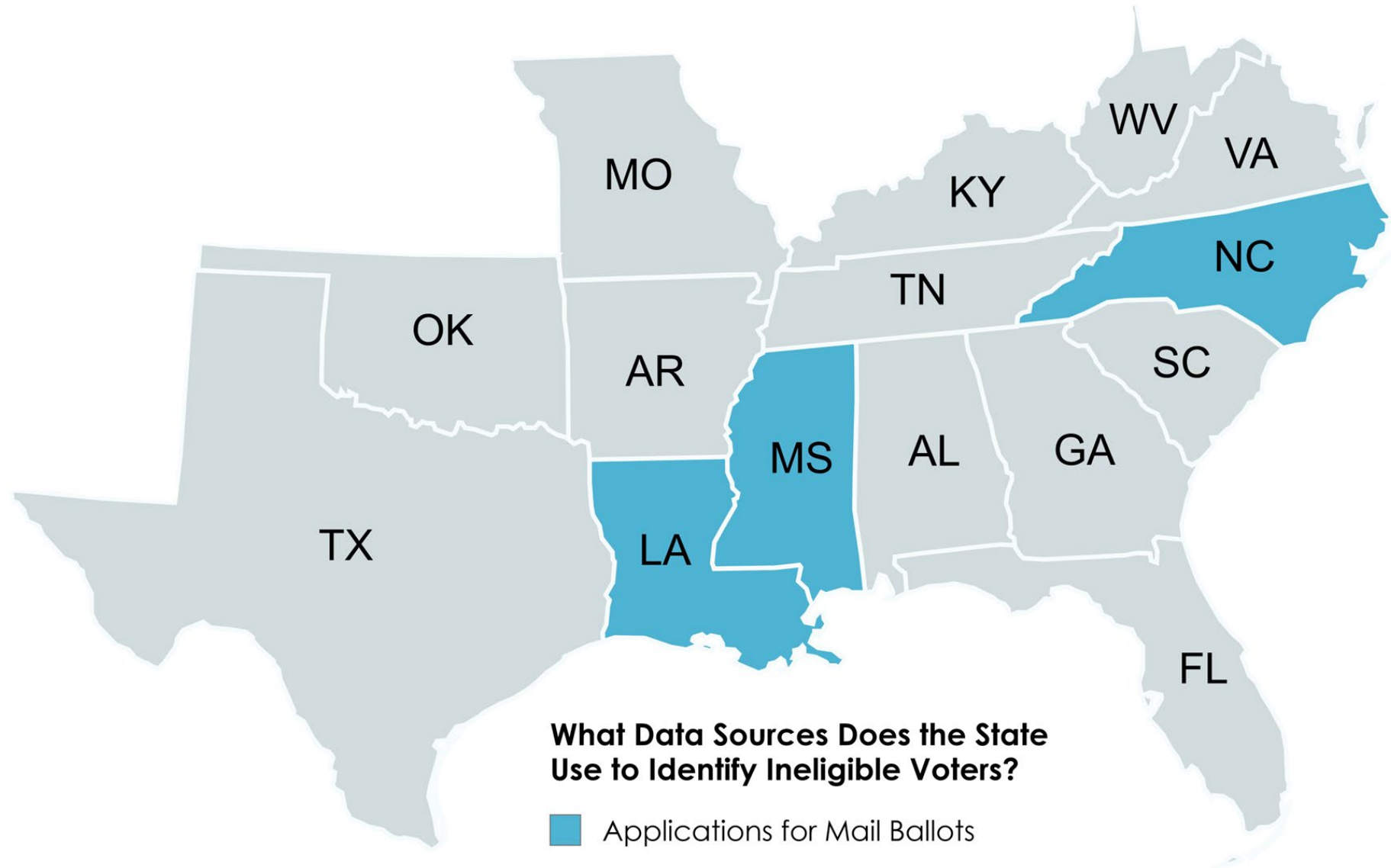
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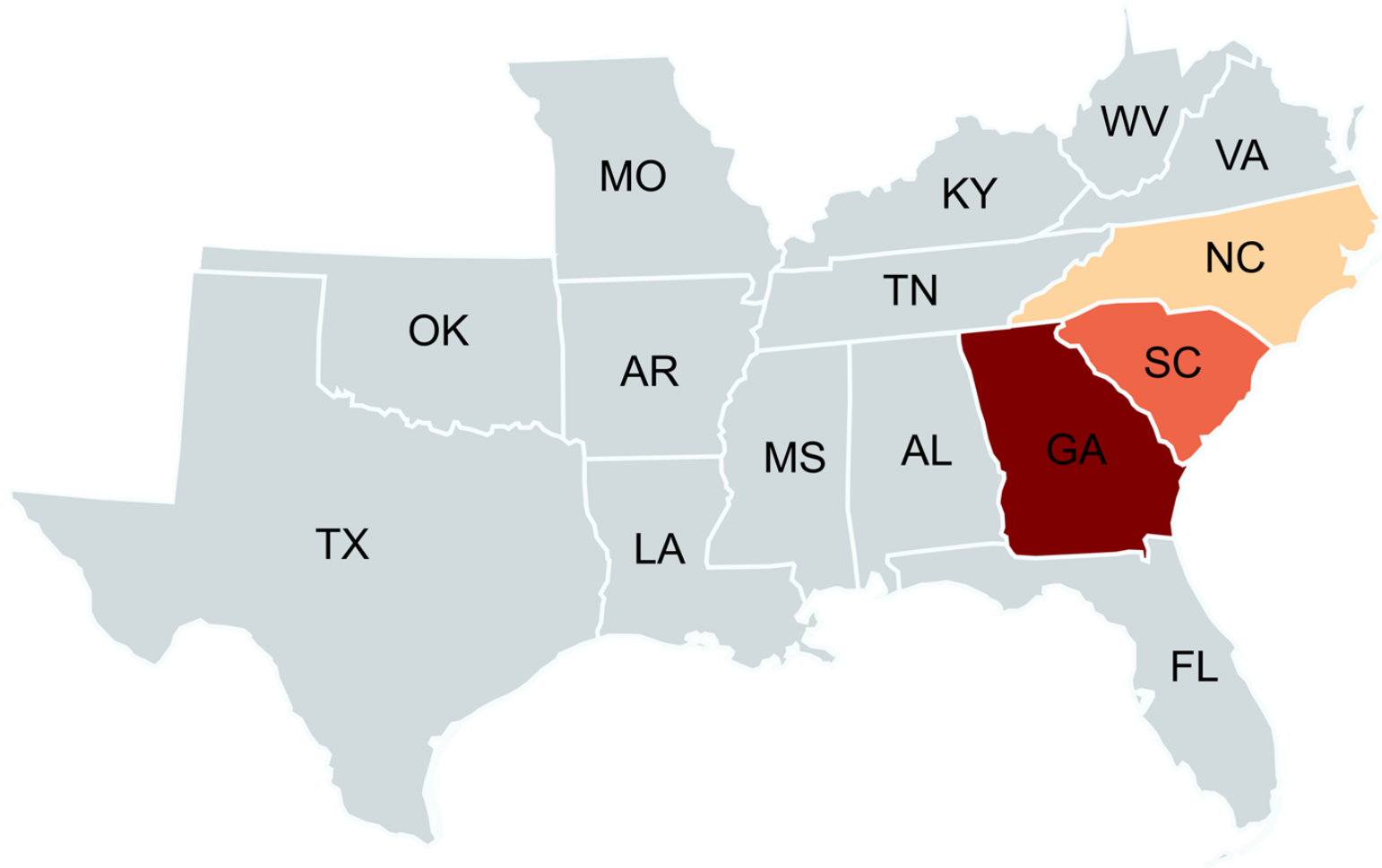
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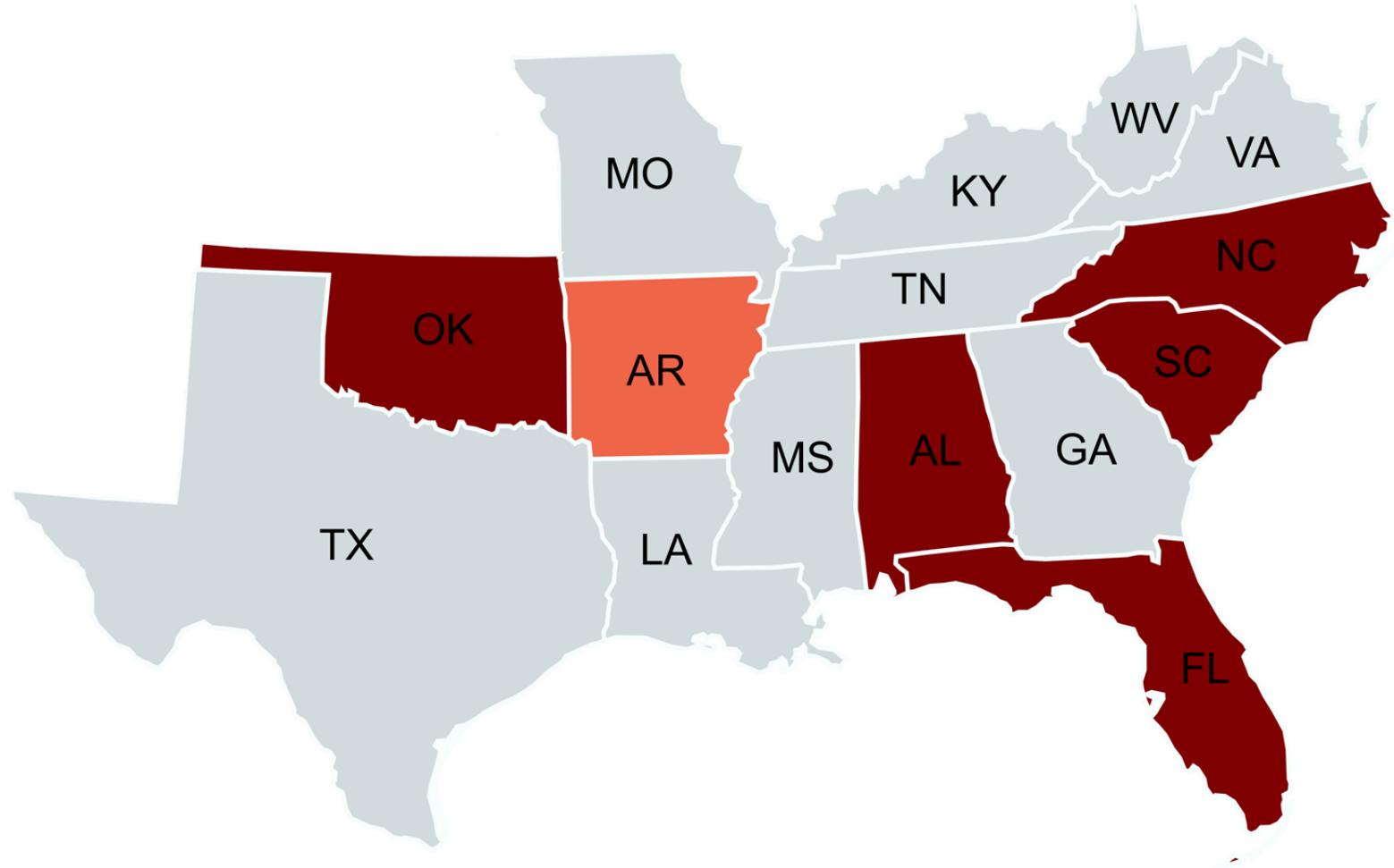
Which Registered Voters are Sent Notices Regarding Ineligibility?

- No Contact with State Elections Division for Five (5) Years
- No Contact with State Elections Division for Four (4) Years
- No Contact with State Elections Division for Two (2) Years



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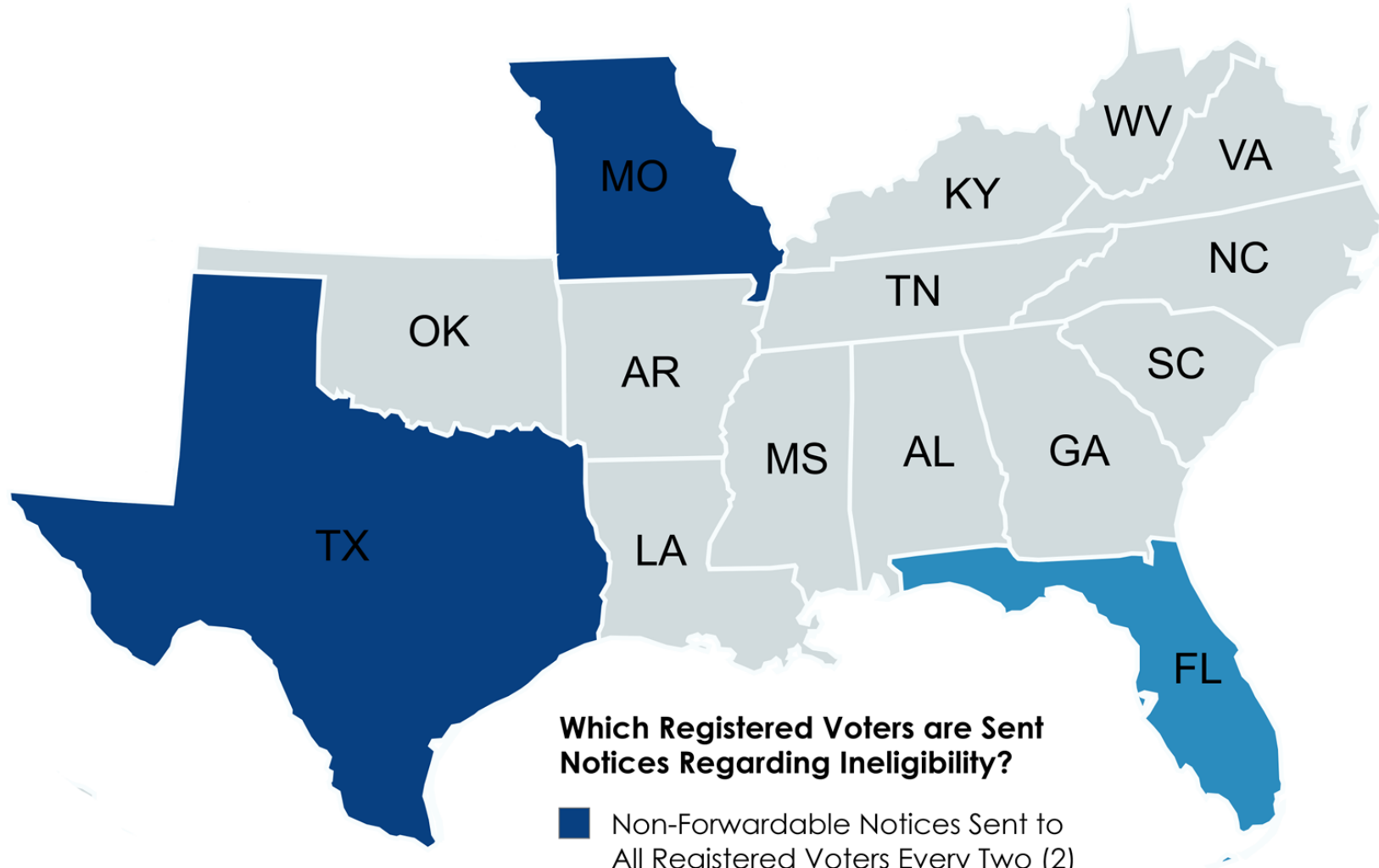
Which Registered Voters are Sent Notices Regarding Ineligibility?

- Failure to Vote in Two (2) Consecutive Federal Elections
- Failure to Vote in One (1) Consecutive Federal Election



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Which Registered Voters are Sent Notices Regarding Ineligibility?

-  Non-Forwardable Notices Sent to All Registered Voters Every Two (2) Years
-  Non-Forwardable Notices Sent to All Registered Voters Every Year



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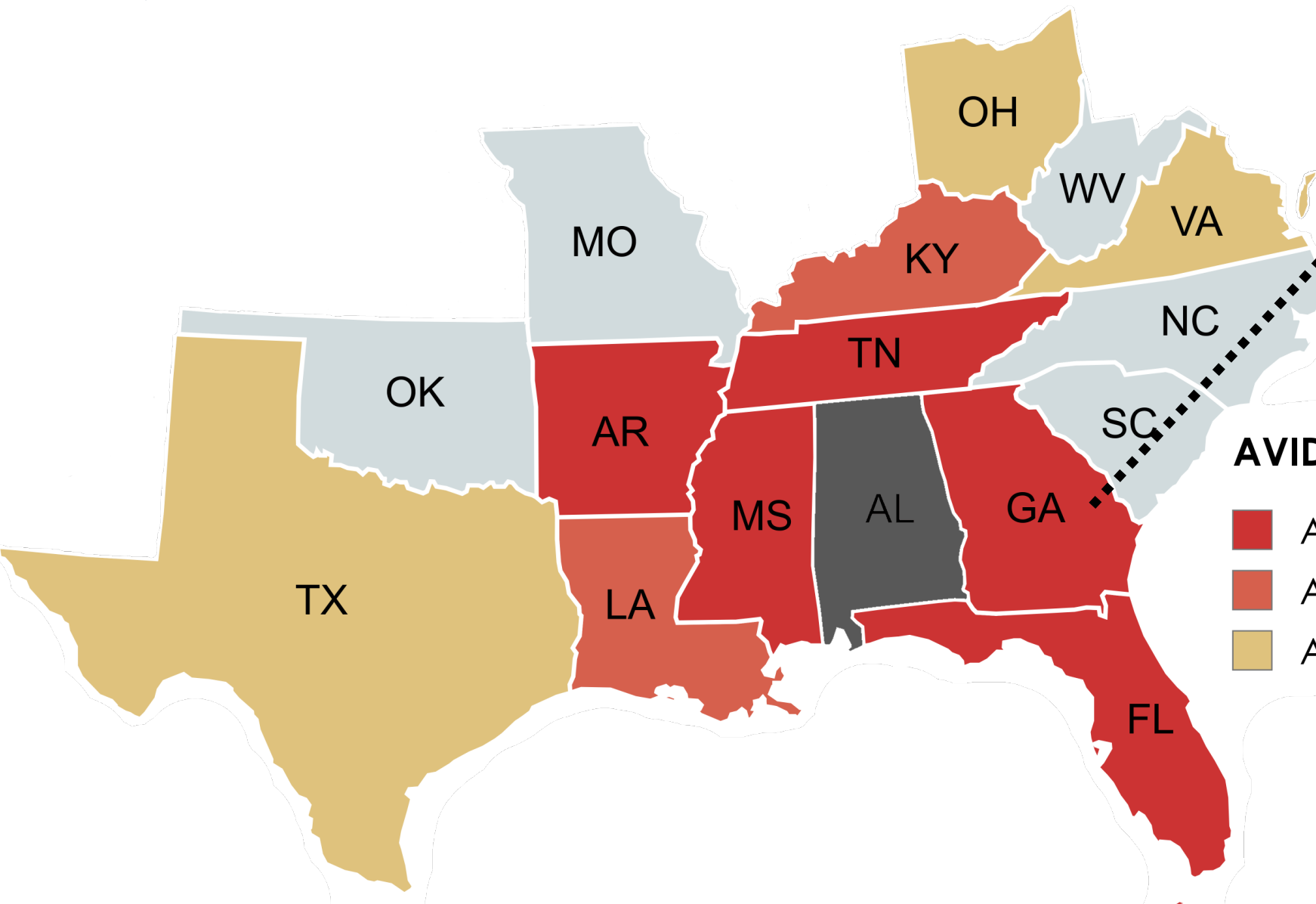
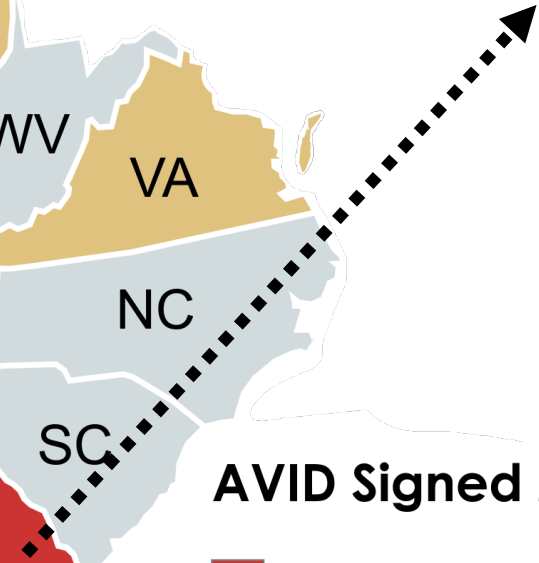
Senate Bill 142 (2025)

- ☐ Transition from ERIC to state-operated database
- ☐ Voter registration data encrypted and stored solely on a state-owned and operated server
- ☐ Allow for bilateral state data sharing agreements
- ☐ Amended voter removal process



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- Agreement Signed in 2023
- Agreement Signed in 2024
- Agreement Signed in 2025



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