

# **Federal Legislative Developments**

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# Governors and States

# Innovative Governors

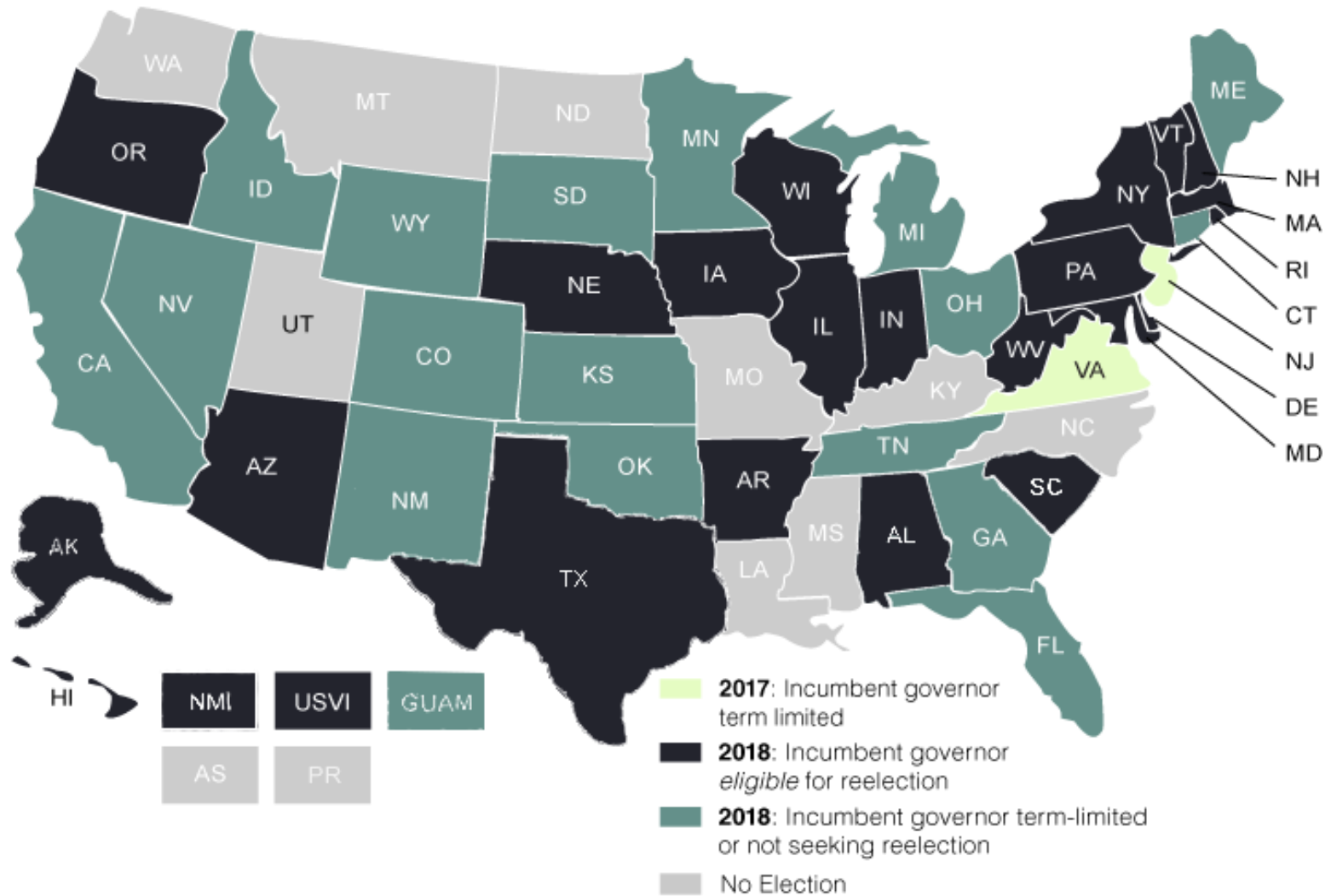


# Political Breakdown 2017



- **In 2017, there are:**
  - **34 Republican governors**
  - **15 Democratic governors**
  - **1 Independent governor**
- **26 Republican-controlled governments**
- **6 Democratic-controlled governments**

# Election 2017 and 2018



# Governors' Concerns



## Economy and Jobs



## Budget



## Federal Impacts

- Muni Bonds
- ACA Changes
- Mandates



# Key Issues

- **Infrastructure**
- **Health Care**
- **Innovation**
- **Security**
- **Education**



# Economic Development

**Governors across the country are taking big steps to deal with the skills gap.**



- **Arkansas: Computer Coding**
- **Kentucky: “Kentucky Trained. Kentucky Built.”**
- **Oklahoma, Kentucky, South Dakota: Governors Apprenticeship Study Tour**



# International Relations

## A State Issue



# State Priorities



**Health Care**



**Economic Development**



**Taxes**

# Federal

# Federal Level Issues



**Tax Reform**



**Infrastructure  
Investment**



**Health Care**

# Congress

**Before the  
end of  
2017,  
Congress  
must pass:**

**Debt Ceiling  
Increase**

**Budget**

**Children's Health  
Insurance Program  
Extension**

# Tax Reform: Key Principles

**Protect State  
Sovereignty**

**Preserve Tax  
Exempt  
Financing**

**Retain  
State/Local  
Deduction**

**Consider  
Broader Policies**



# States and the Federal Government

**Flexibility**

**Move Away  
From Unfunded  
Mandates**

**Collaboration**

**Do No Harm**

# How do governors shape the debate?

**Advocate on Capitol Hill**

**Engage the Administration**

**Promote best practices through NGA**

# Emergency Preparedness

## Wildfires



## Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria

# Coping with Recent Disasters

**Past lessons made a difference**

**Texas: Paperwork for response completed in advance**

**EMAC – states can request help easily**

**Virginia: Sent soldiers and 6 helicopters to Texas**

**States coordinate charitable donations**

**New York: Empire State Relief & Recovery Effort for Puerto Rico**

# State Outlook

**Federal government impacts**

**Dealing with infrastructure, long-term liabilities**

**Revenue growth slow**

**Uncertainty about economy, federal government**

# Thank You

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