

# **Election Policies: A National Overview**

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# What Does NCSL Do?

- ❑ Serves 7,383 legislators and 25,000 staff
- ❑ Non-partisan research
- ❑ Links legislators w/each other and experts



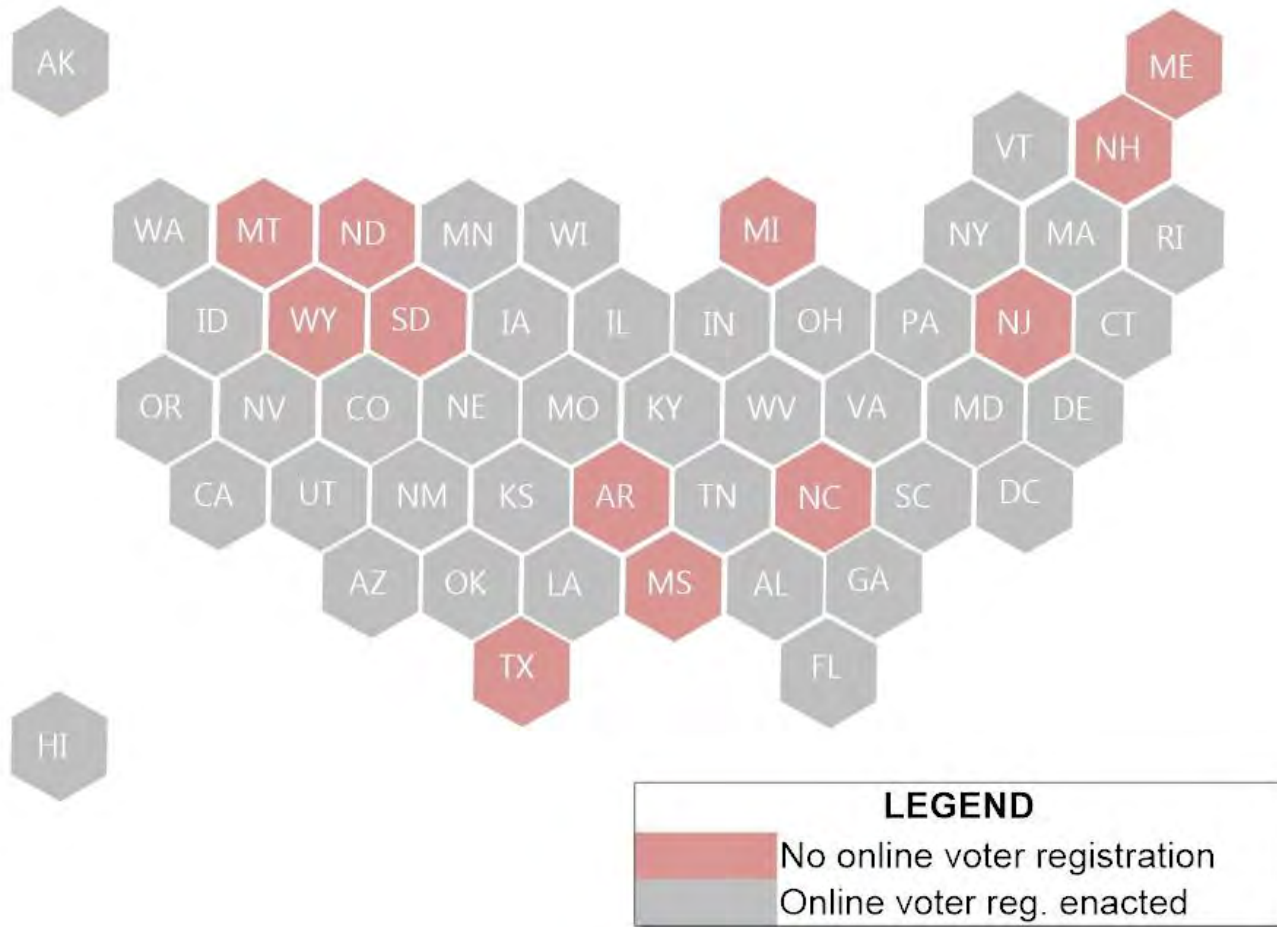
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# **Voter Registration Trends**



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# Old Trend: Online Voter Registration



# Current Trend: Interstate Data Matching



*ERIC in particular is growing with and without legislation:  
21 states have joined*



# **Newest Trend: Automated Registration (aka Modern Motor Voter)**



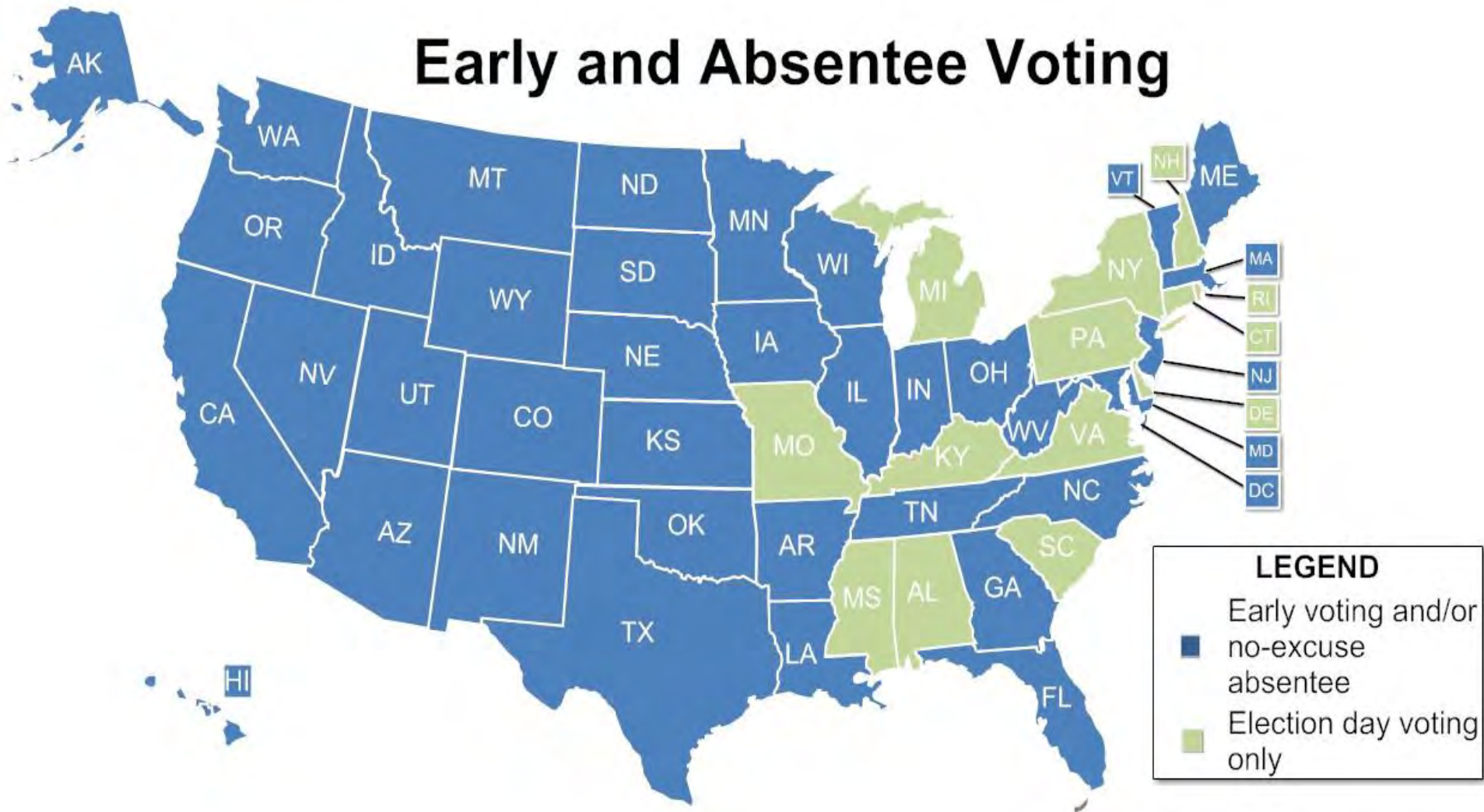
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# Voting Trends



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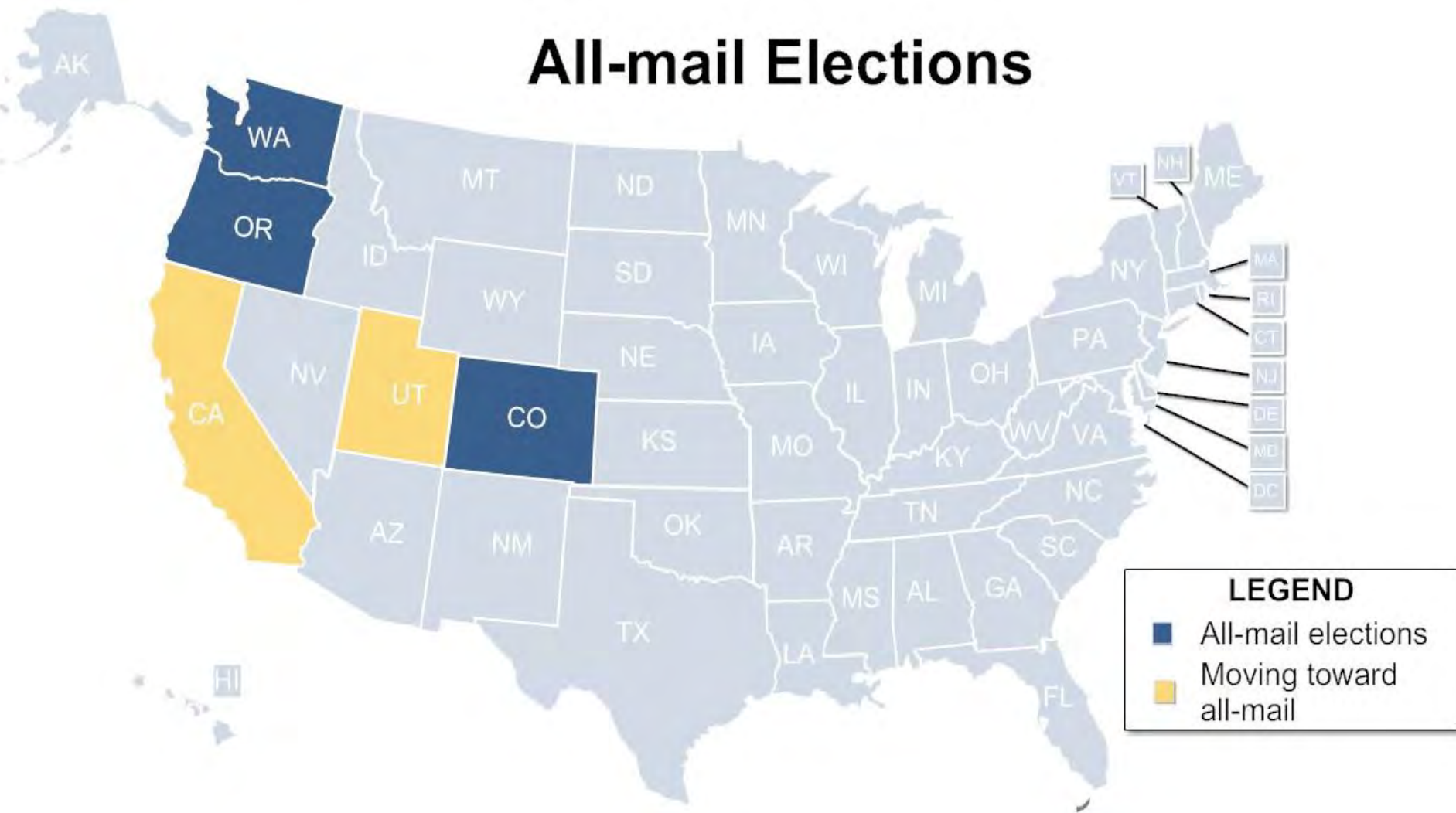
# Early and Absentee Voting







# All-mail Elections



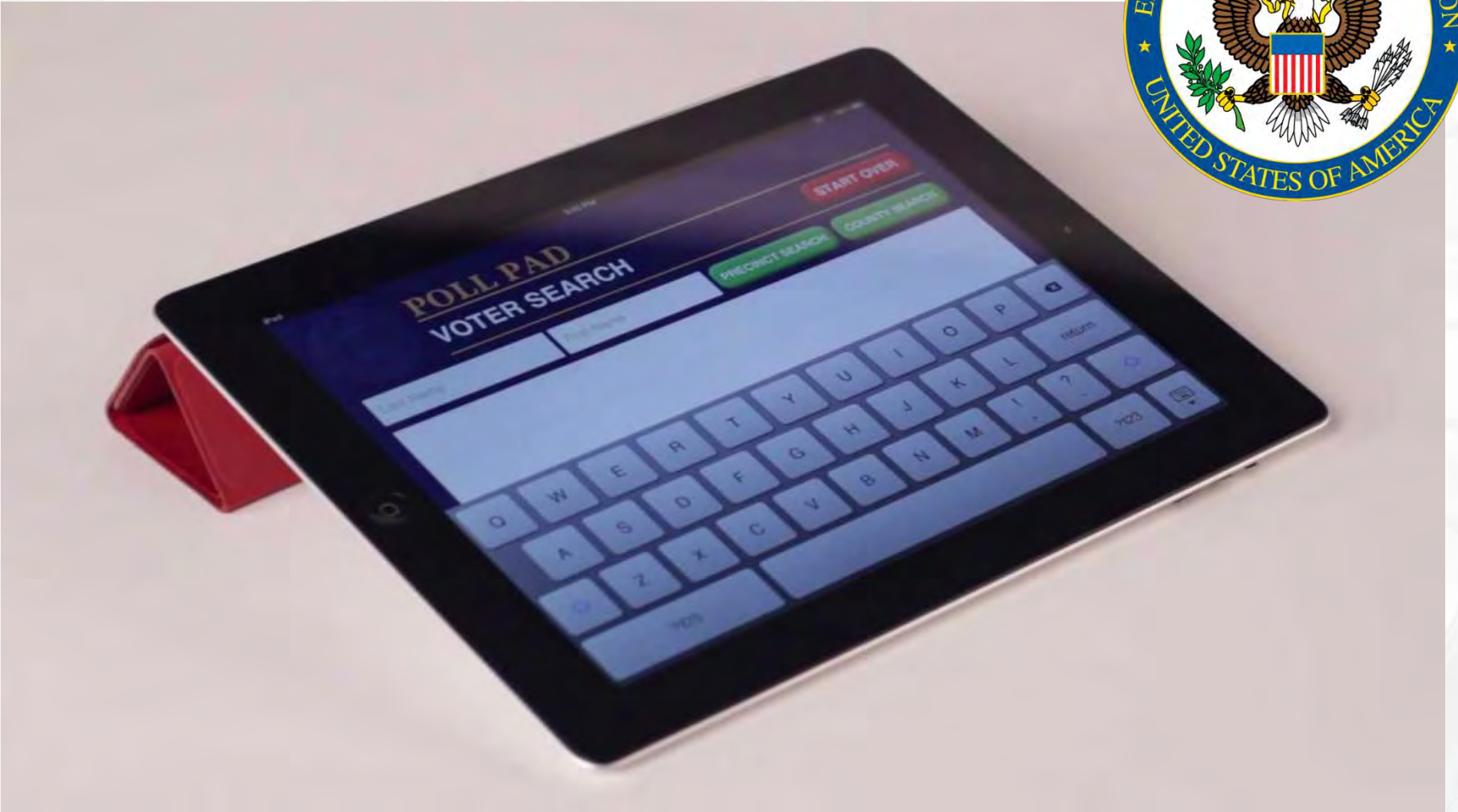
**LEGEND**

- All-mail elections
- Moving toward all-mail



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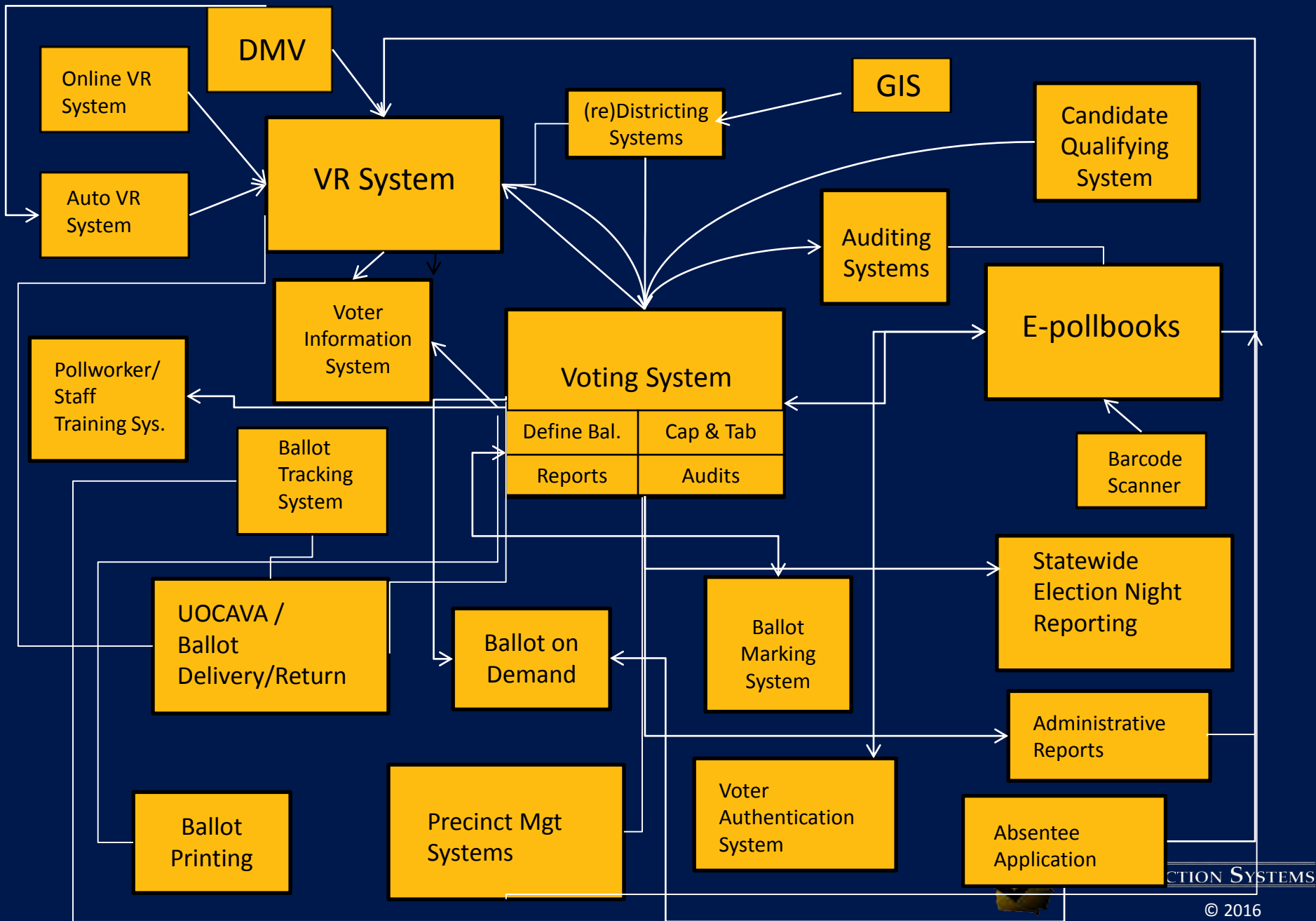
# **Voting System Purchases**



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# Interaction of Voting and Election Systems







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# Elections Tech Purchases

State	Voting System	Funding
Maryland	DRE → Paper	Lease
Rhode Island	Paper → Paper	State paid
Colorado	DRE → All-mail	Counties pay (state helps)
New Mexico	Paper → Paper	State: \$8M over 2 years



# Words from the Wise

“Choose a system that can respond to not only the demands of today, but the desires of ten years from now.”

*--Merle King, Executive Director,  
Center for Election Systems, Georgia*



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# Questions? Comments?

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