

# State School Board Selection In the 50 States

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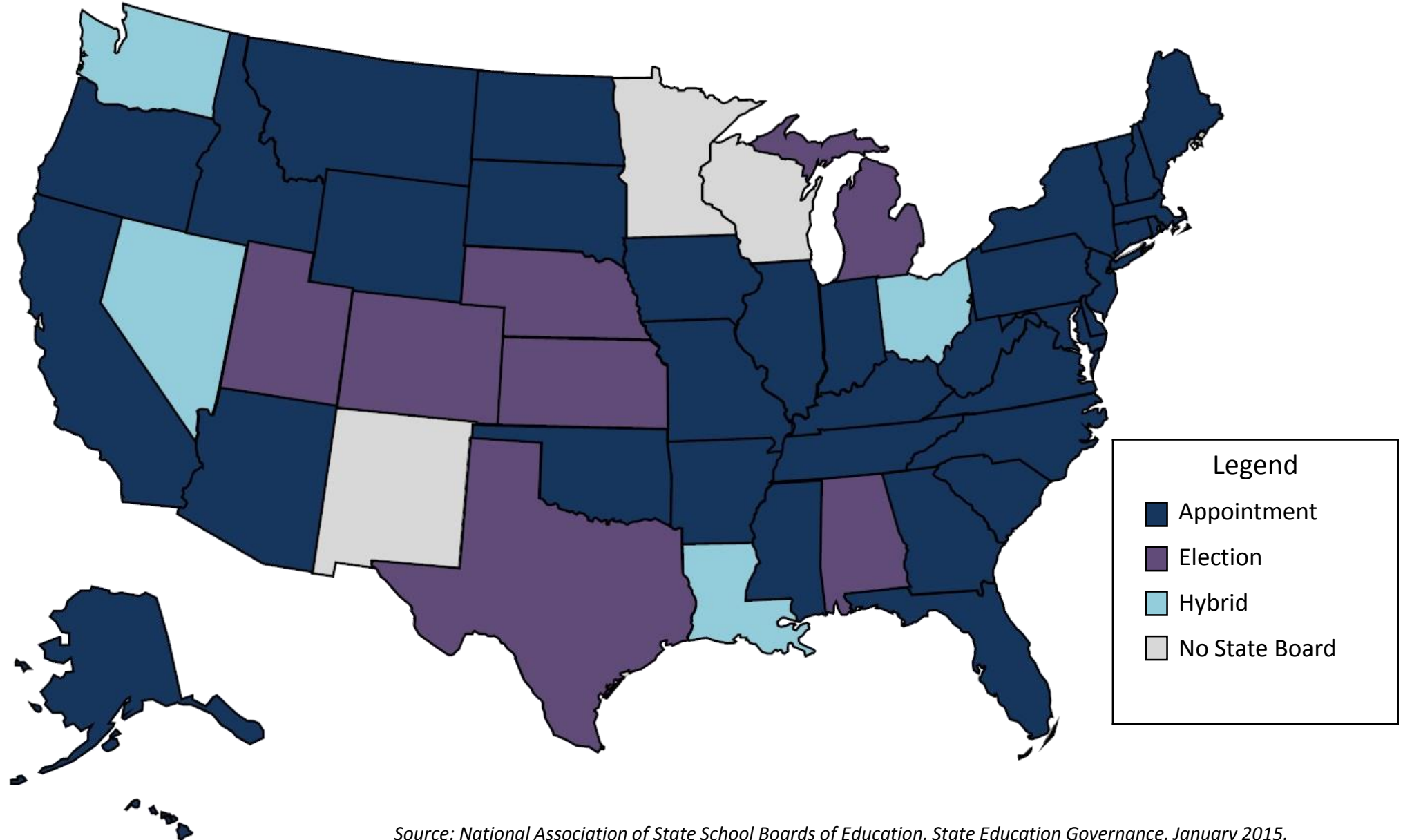
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# Methods of Selection

- Election
- Appointment
- Elected/Appointed (Hybrid)

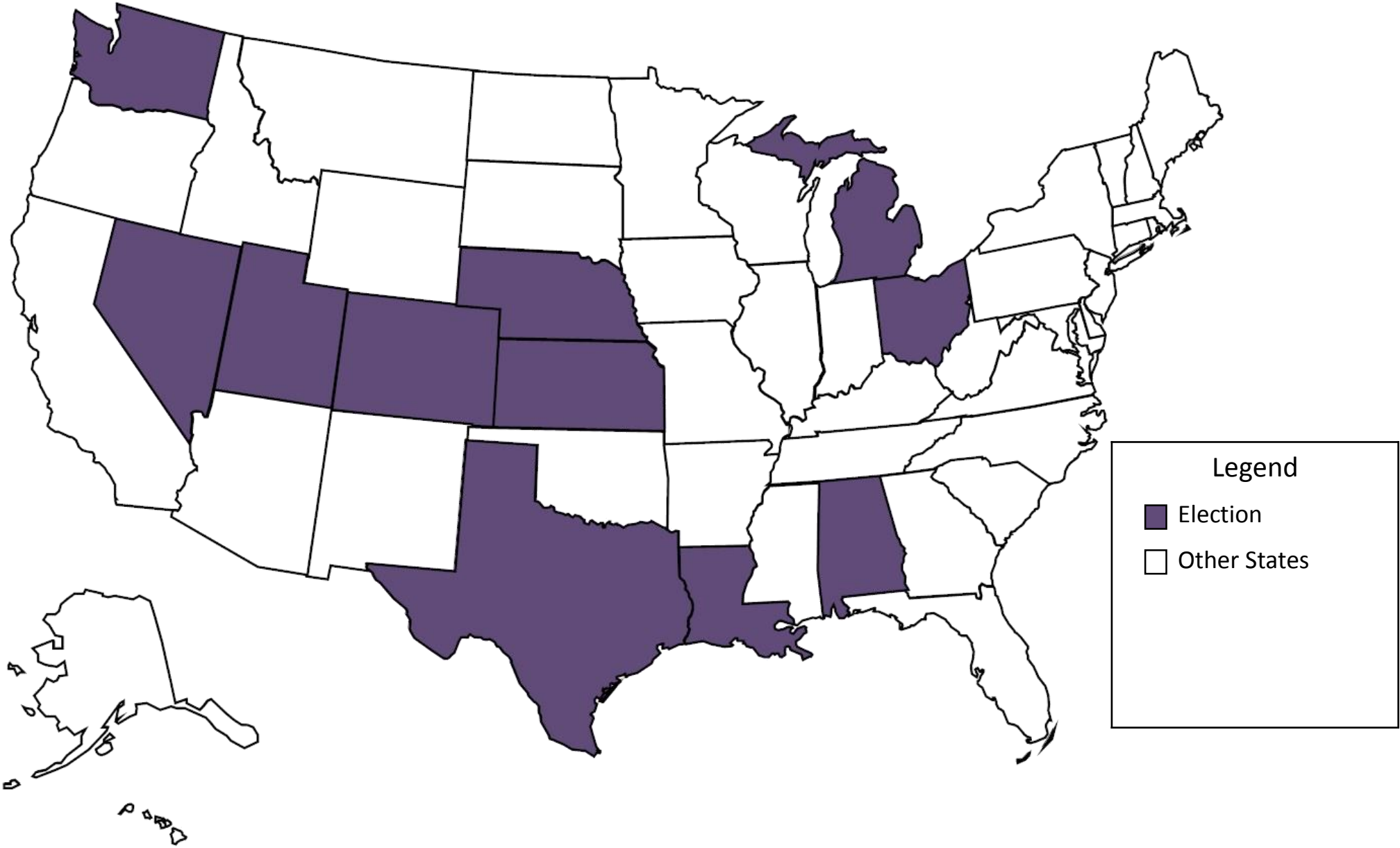
# Methods of Selecting State School Board Members



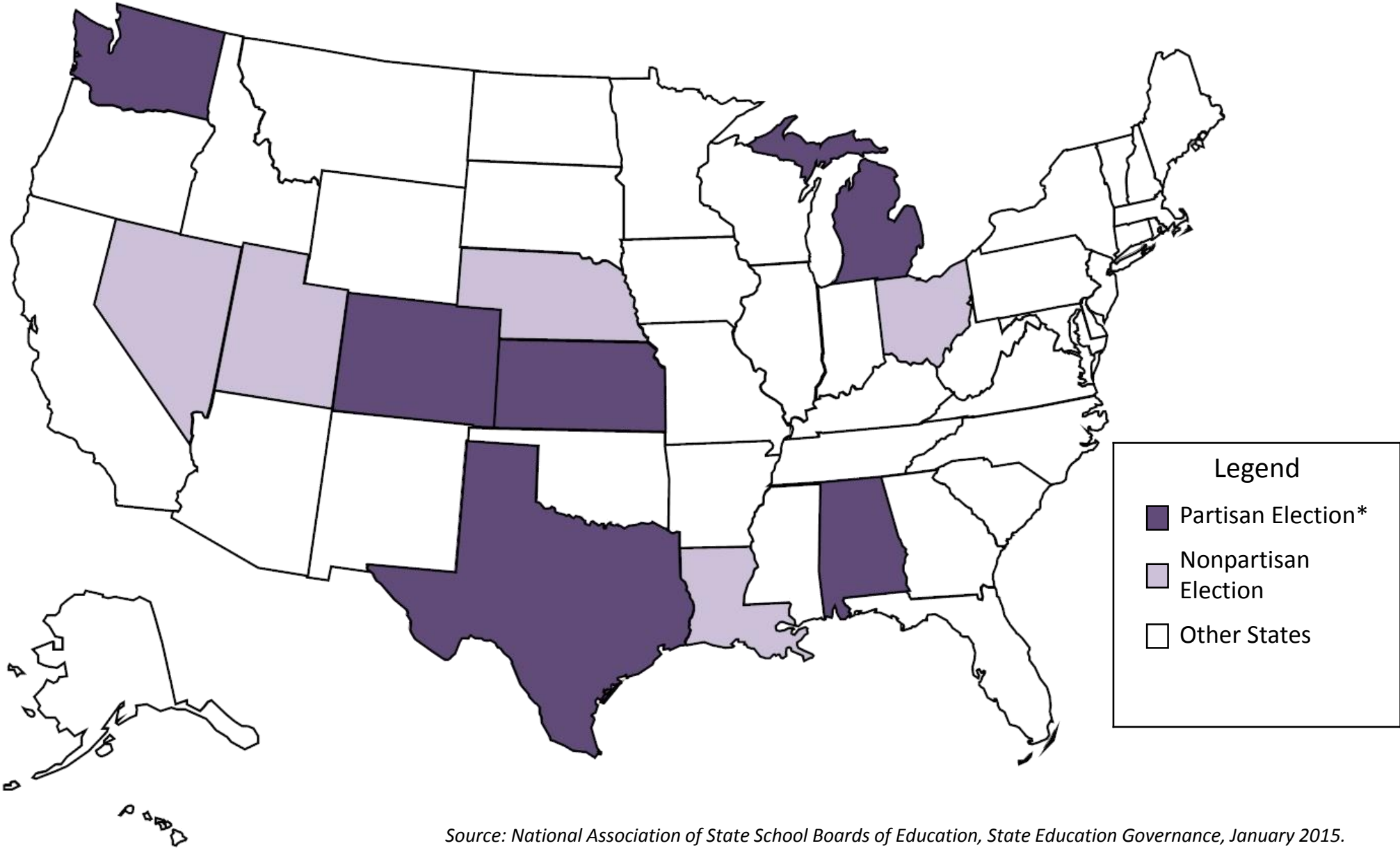
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# States Electing State School Board Members

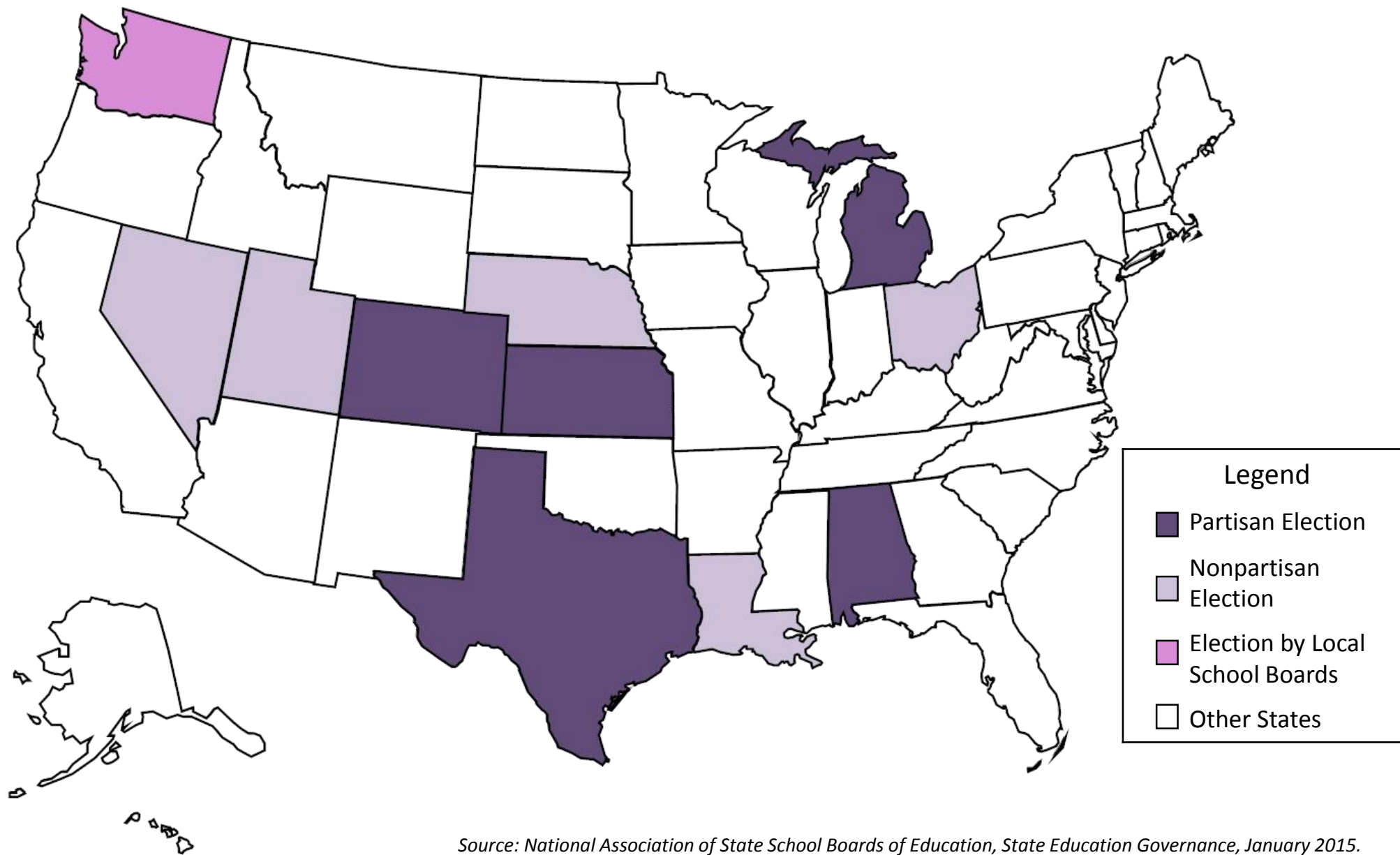


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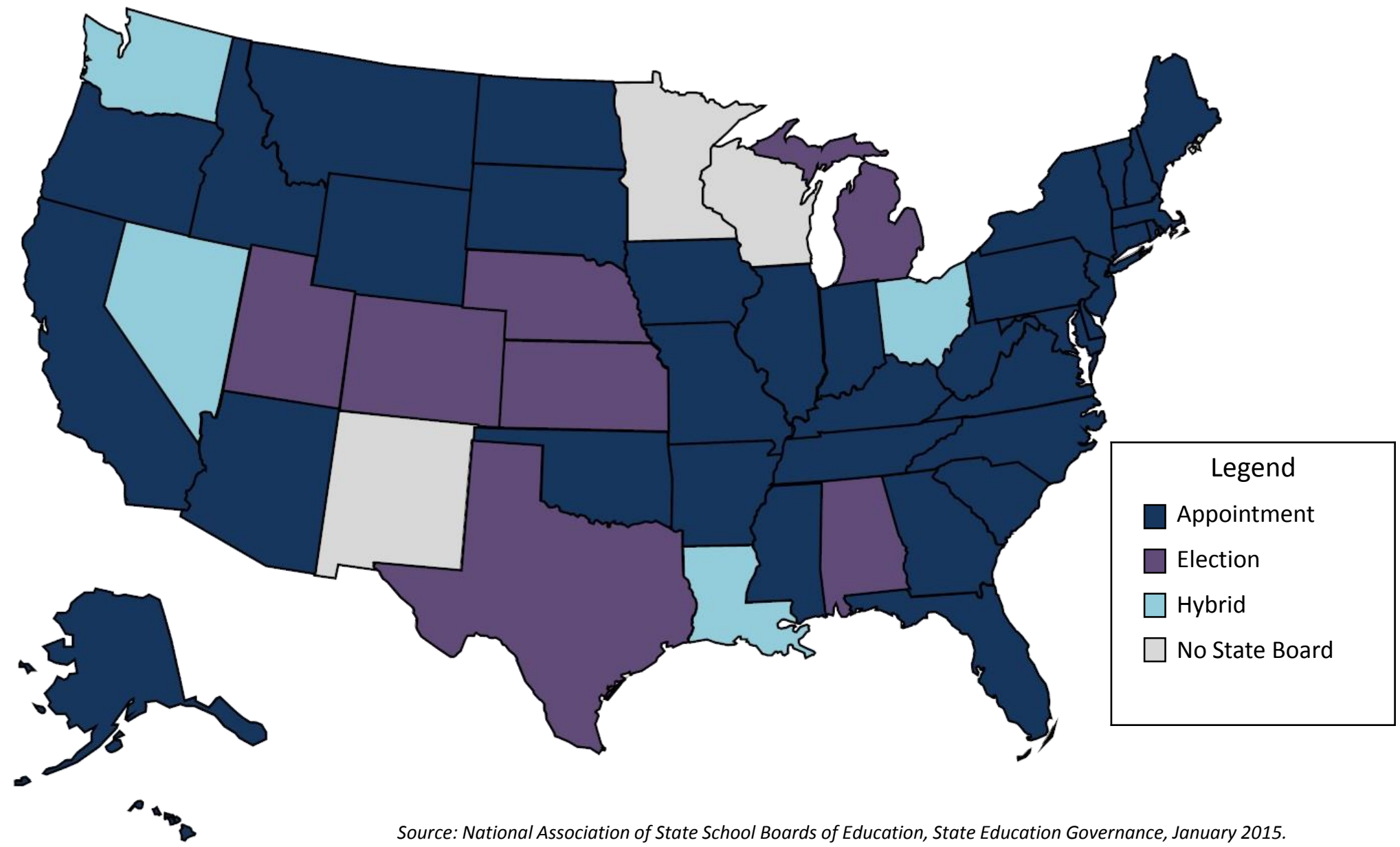
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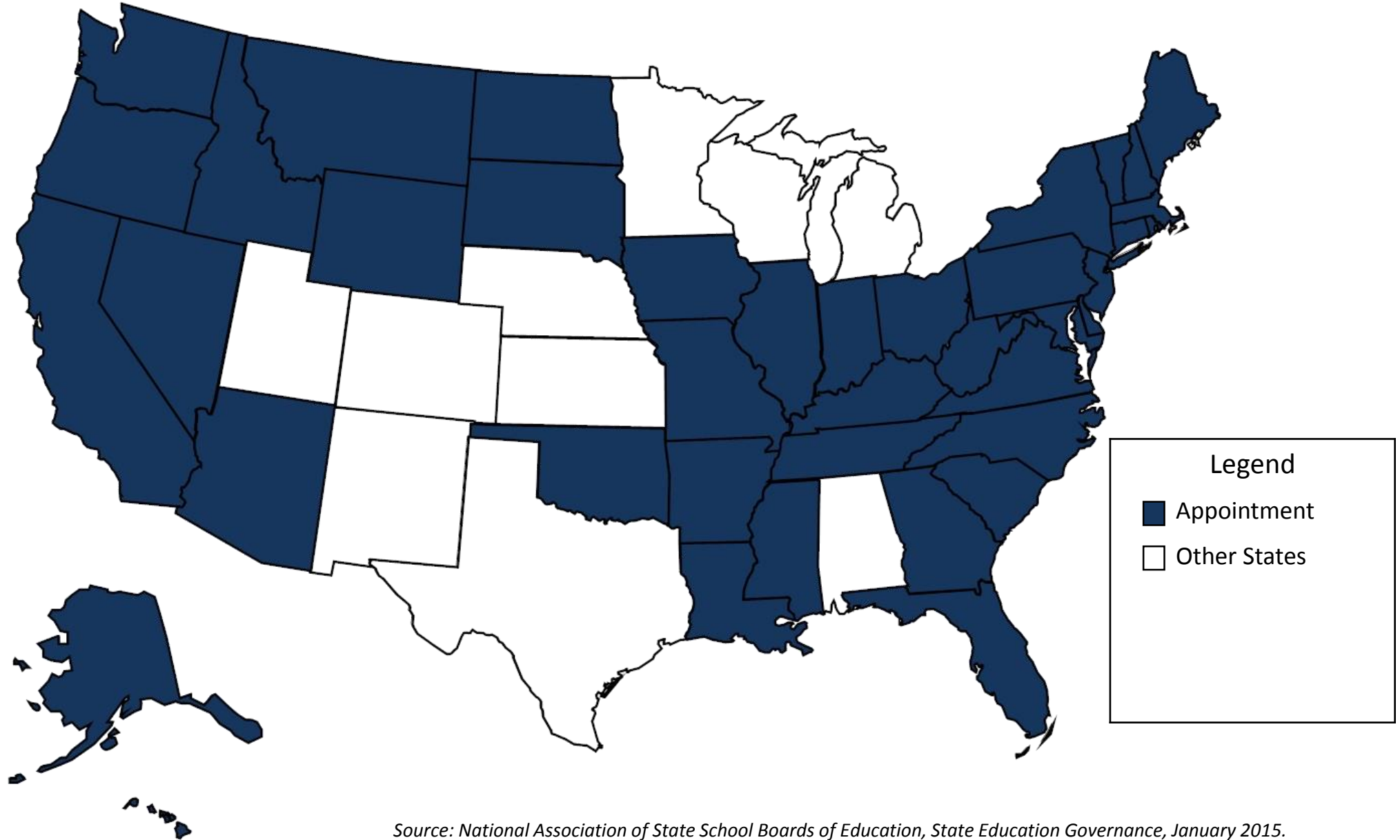
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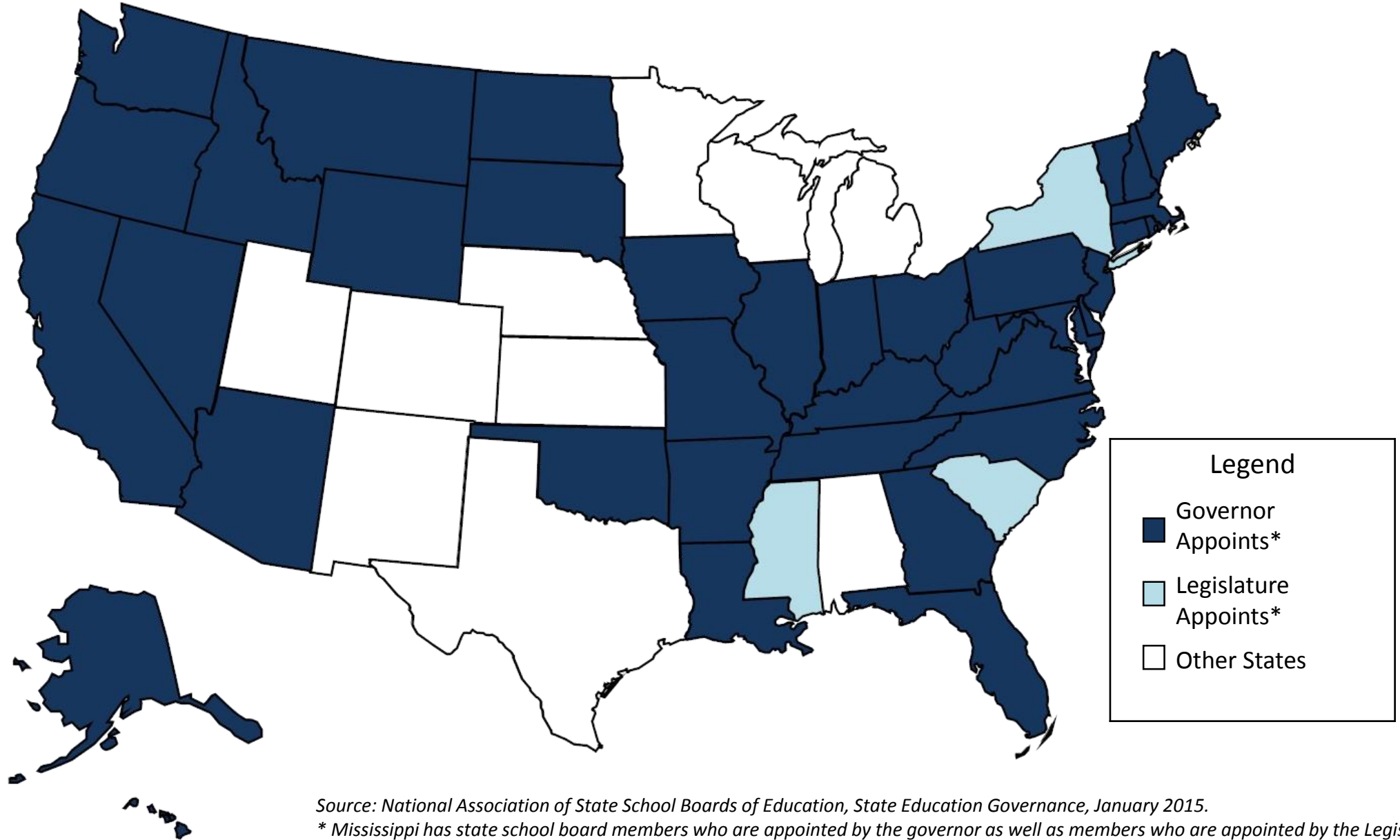
# States with Appointed State School Board Members



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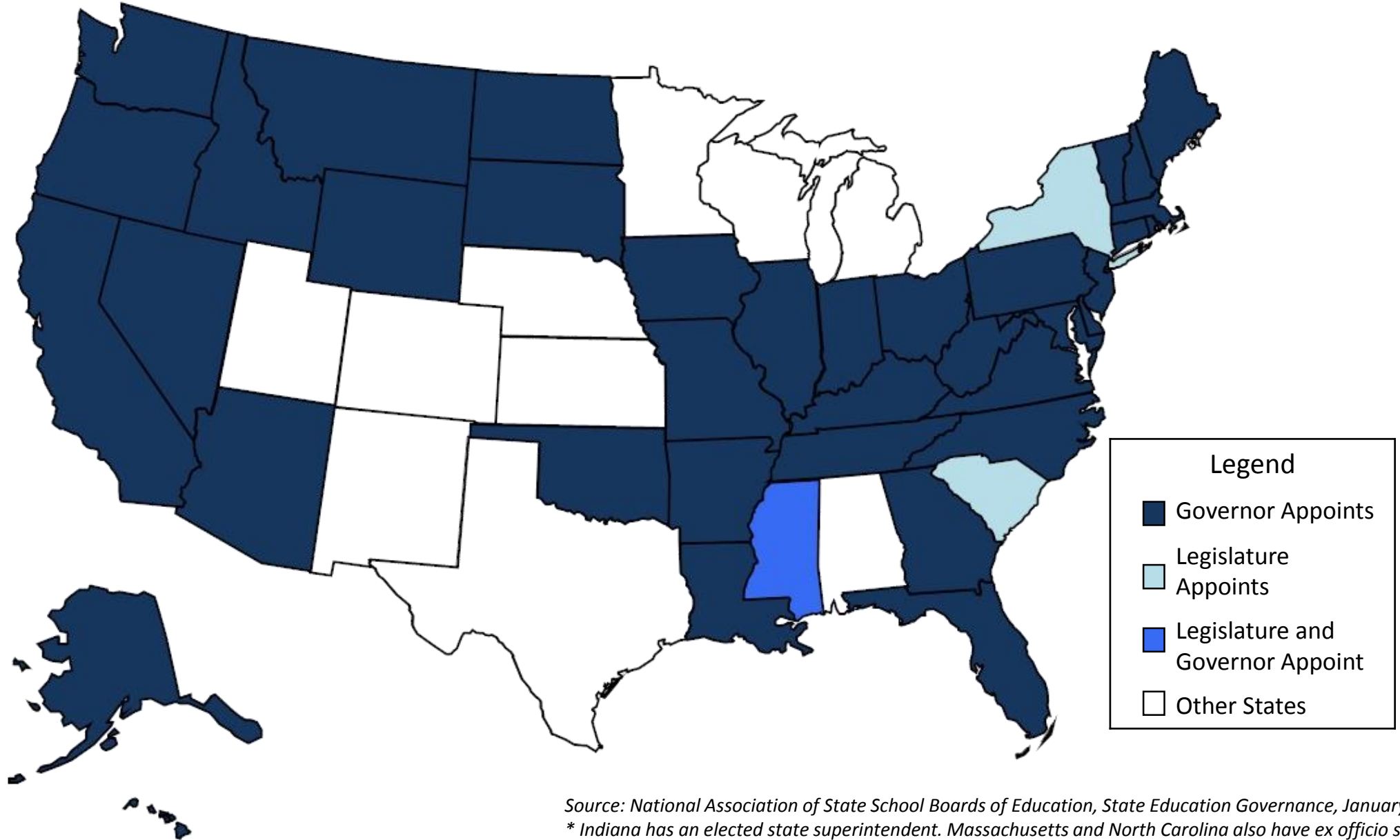
# Method of State School Board Appointment



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\* Mississippi has state school board members who are appointed by the governor as well as members who are appointed by the Legislature. Indiana has an elected state superintendent. Massachusetts and North Carolina also have ex officio state school board members.

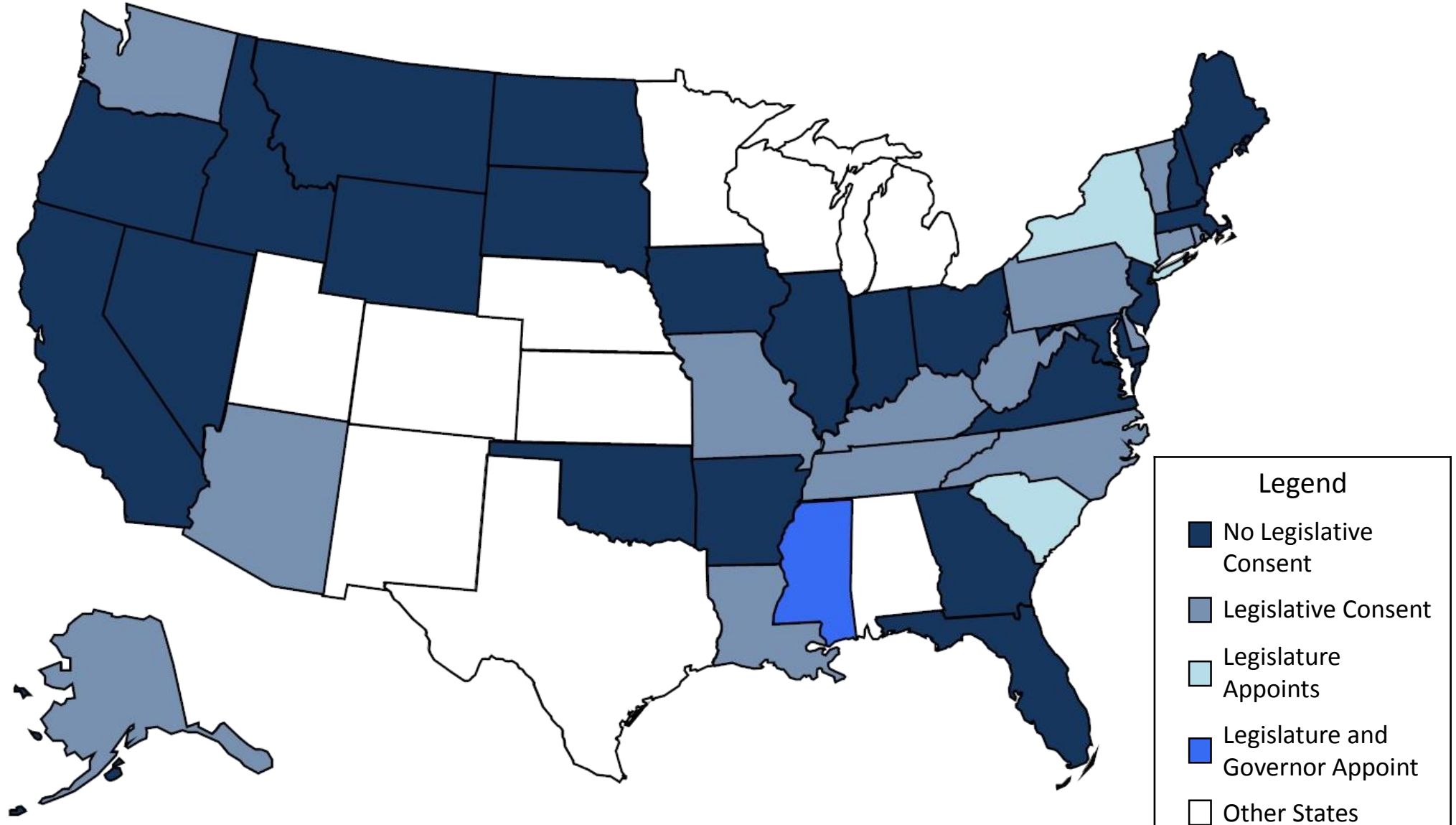
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# Legislative Consent Required for State School Board Appointments



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# Summary

- **7 states elect**
- **36 states appoint**
- **4 states do both**
- **3 states have no board**

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  - 5 partisan
  - 5 non-partisan\*
  - 1 other
- **36 states appoint** + • **4 states do both**
  - 38 governor appoints
    - 15 legislative consent
    - 23 no legislative consent
  - 3 legislature appoints

# Resources + Contact


National Association of State School Boards

State Education Governance, January 2015

<http://www.nasbe.org/wp-content/uploads/Governance-matrix-February-2015.pdf>

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