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Trends for the 2015 Legislative Session

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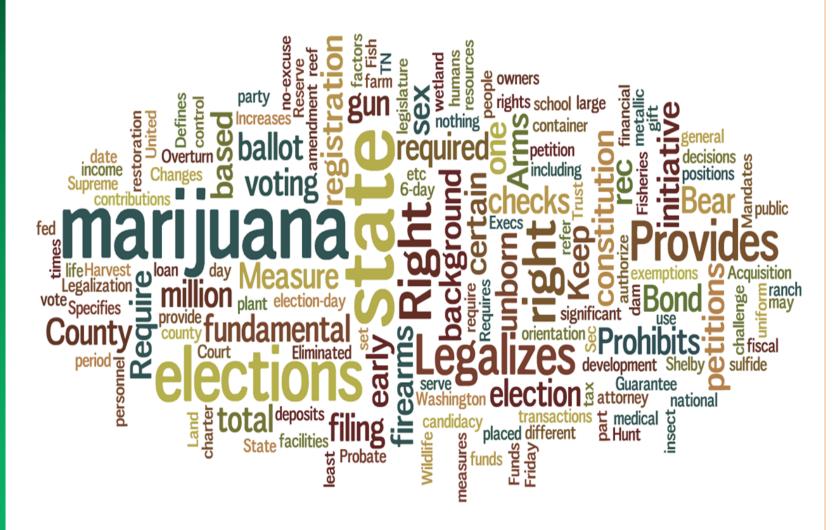


#### Updates on Key Initiatives

- The New Audit Report
- Changes Coming from the PCAOB
- Focus on Small Government
- Update from the IRS
- What the Practice Analysis Means to State Boards and Other Examination News
- Strengthening Peer Review Standards

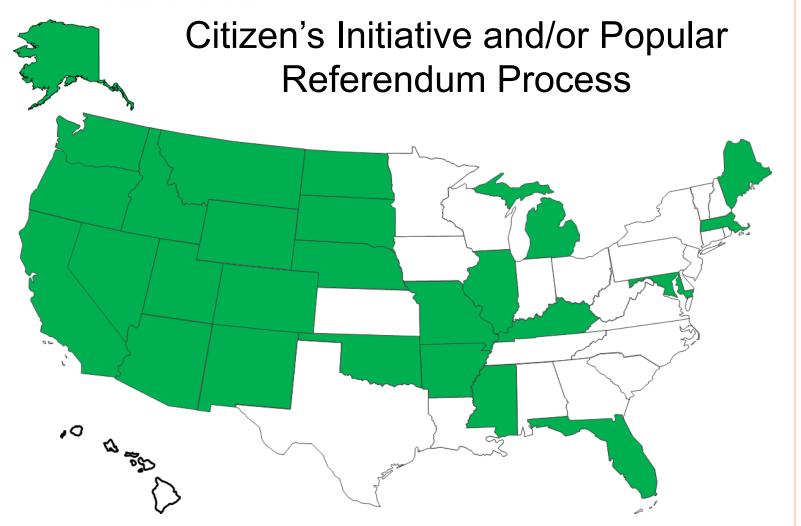
















#### Three Ways to Get on the Ballot

- Citizens Initiatives (most attention grabbing)
- Legislative Referendum (most common)
  - All Jurisdictions
- Popular Referendum (the angry voter option)







2014 Ballots

#### **Medical Marijuana**

- Florida
- Guam
- Oklahoma\*\*

\*\* Failed to get the required signatures to get on the 2014 ballot

- Marijuana for adults
- Alaska
- District of Columbia
- Oregon



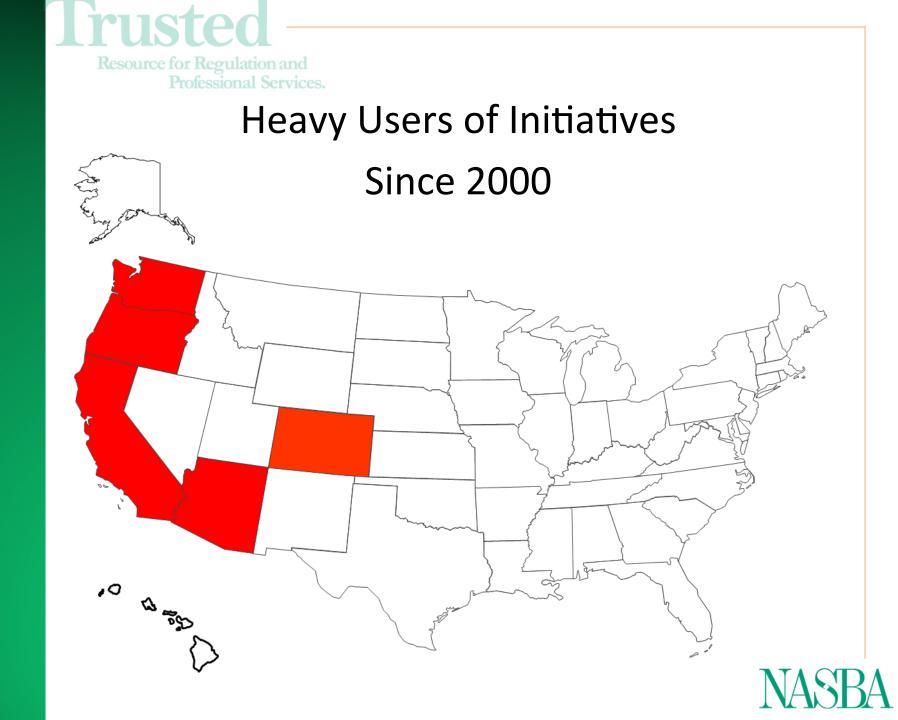


#### The Numbers in 2014

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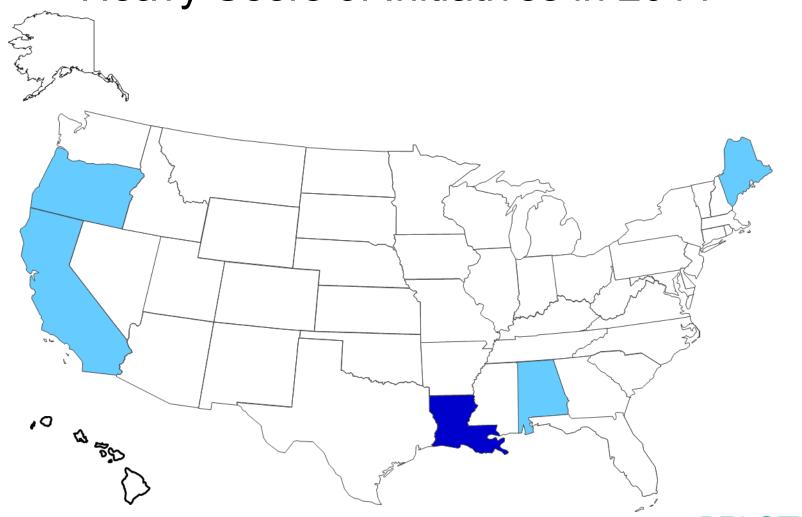
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#### Heavy Users of Initiatives in 2014





#### Issues Leading the way in 2014

- Minimum Wage
- Bonds and Taxes
- Gambling
- Transportation
- Education





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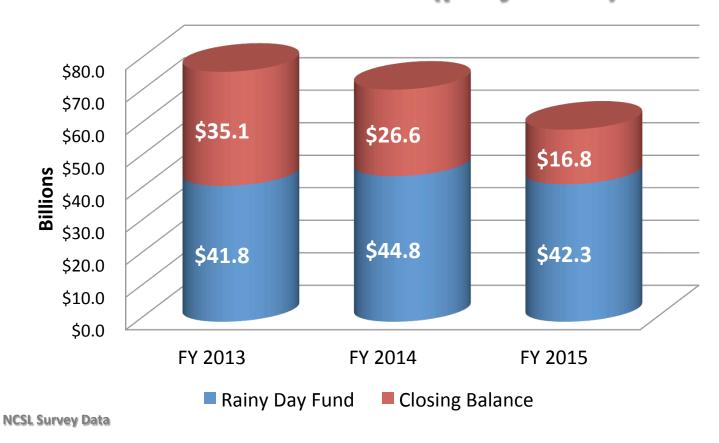
#### **Economic Overview**

- State fiscal conditions improve in FY 2013
- Slow revenue growth in FY 2014.
- Slightly stronger growth expected in FY 2015.
- Funding for higher education and Medicaid continue to outpace other spending.
- Year-end balances are expected to decline in FY 2015.





# Components of State Year-End Balances FY 2013 to FY 2015 (projected)



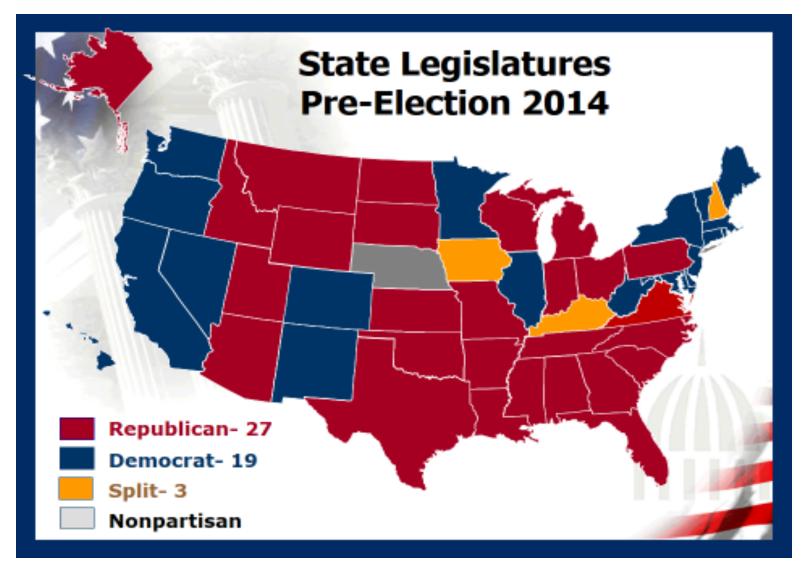




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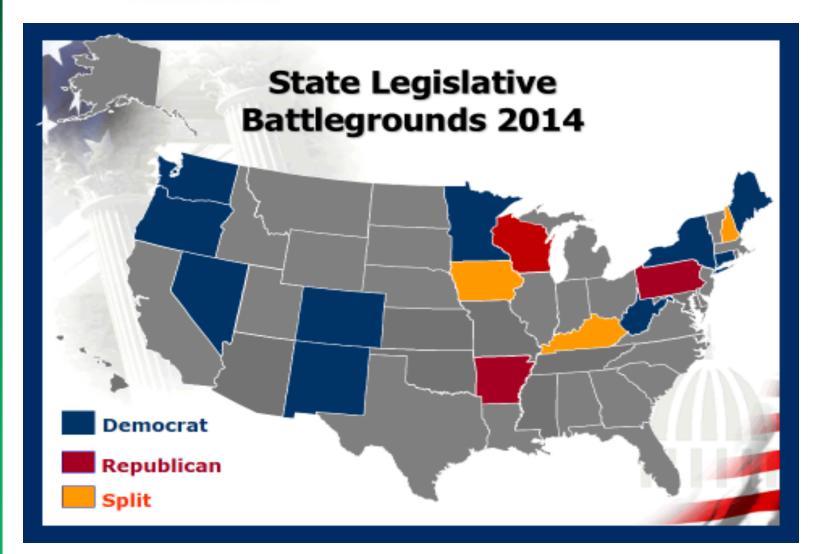
- State Legislative Seats 7,383
  - Up for election in 2014 6014 (approximately 1/3 were unopposed)
  - No election in 2014 (Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia\*\* and New Jersey)
    - \*\* Special Election in 2014 to fill 2 vacant Senate seats
- Governors
  - Up for election in 2014 36
- U.S. Congress 535
  - Congressional seats up for election in 2014 435
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    - \*\*Includes 2 special elections



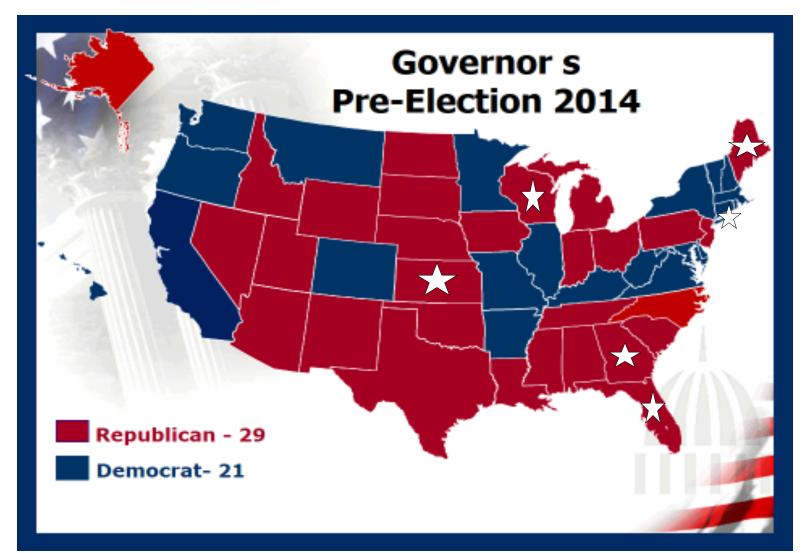




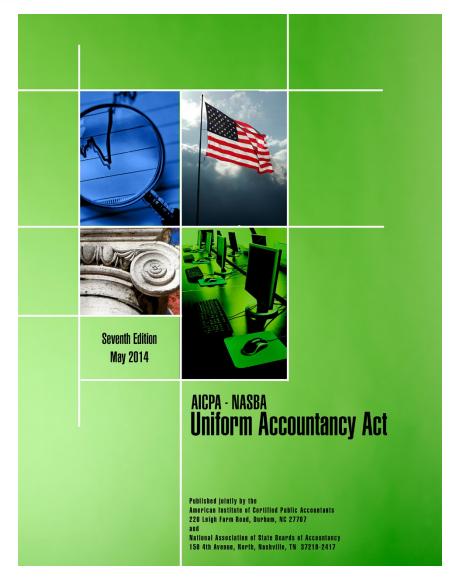












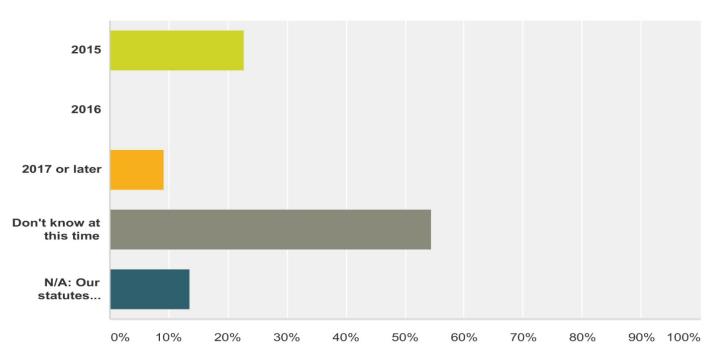




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# Does your jurisdiction plan on filing legislation to incorporate the new definition of "attest" in your statutes in:

Answered: 22 Skipped: 6







#### Comprehensive Definition of Attest Map



- States that have a comprehensive definition of attest
- States that need conforming changes to their current definition of attest
- States that do not have a comprehensive definition of attest

\*USVI expanded definition of attest effective 05.16.2015



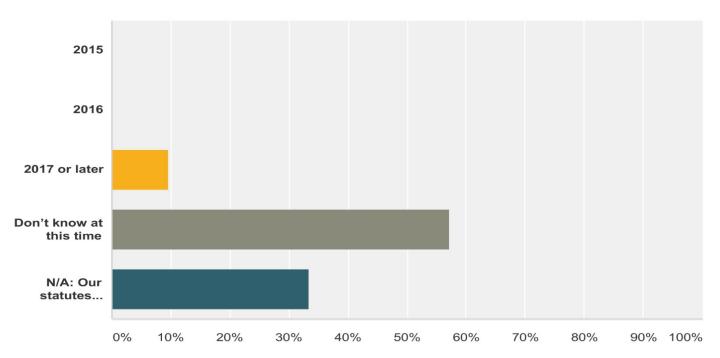




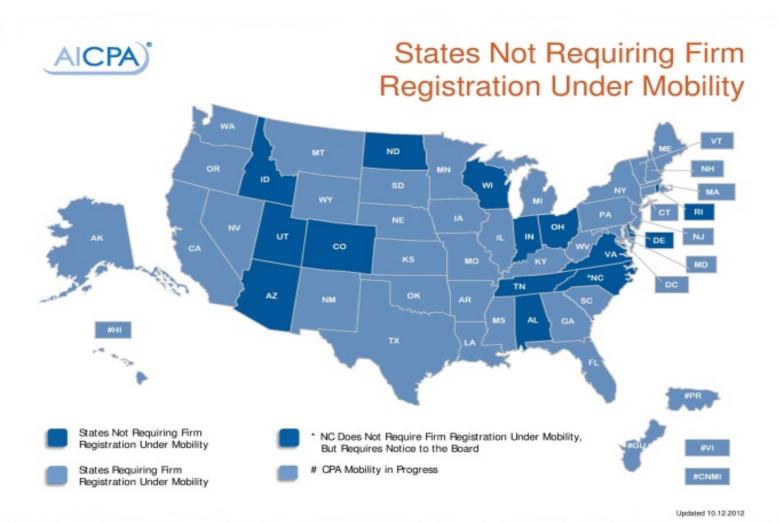
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# Does your jurisdiction plan on filing legislation to incorporate firm mobility in your statutes in:

Answered: 21 Skipped: 7











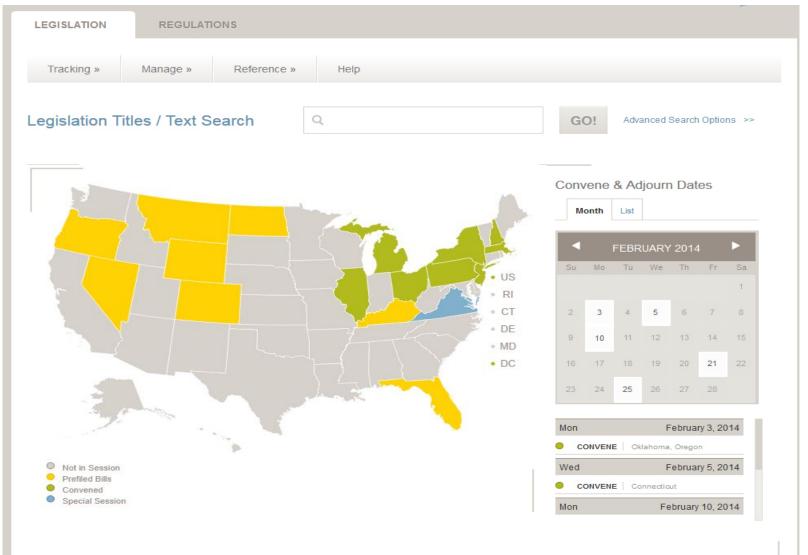
## Other 2015 Legislation

- Eliminate two tier licensing
- Moving from triennial to annual CPE Reporting
- Battle Trust Fund Sweep
- "Tweak" our Firm Mobility Statute
- Peer Review Clean up
- Increased Board Authority (emergency suspension; cease and desist authority)
- Individual Mobility
  - \*\* Several indicated that their legislative agenda's would not be discussed until after the elections\*\*



# Resource for Regulation and Professional Services. **Individual Mobility Jurisdictions** 2015 2014



















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  - Accountancy Standards
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  - SOX Cascade
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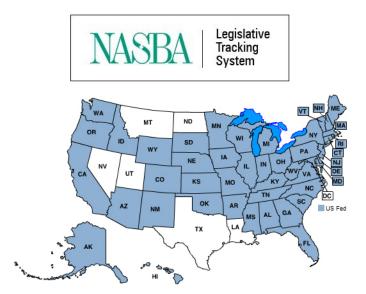












#### High Priority Legislation

February 13, 2014

Alaska 2013-2014 4 Bills

Number: AK [R] HB Sponsor: HAWKER

Title: EXTEND BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Abstract: An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy; and providing for an effective date.

Status: (H) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF LAW 6/4/13 - 06/24/2013

History: Status 06/20/2013; Status 06/08/2013; Status 05/25/2013; Text 04/18/2013; Status 04/09/2013; Status 04/09/2013; Status 04/07/2013; Status 04/09/2013; Status

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Priority: High

Notes: <u>ijohnson@nasba.org</u> 04/22/13 Transmitted to the Governor on 4/8

Number: AK [R] HB 84 - Updated (Status 06/20/2013)

Sponsor: SADDLER

Title: MILITARY TRAINING CREDIT/TEMP. LICENSE

Abstract: An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licaning requirements; providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members; and providing

for an effective date.



