

Expanding Public Records

25-14 Initiative Petition for a Law to Improve Access to Public Records:

Subjects the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor to the state's Public Records Law, allowing citizens to request information.

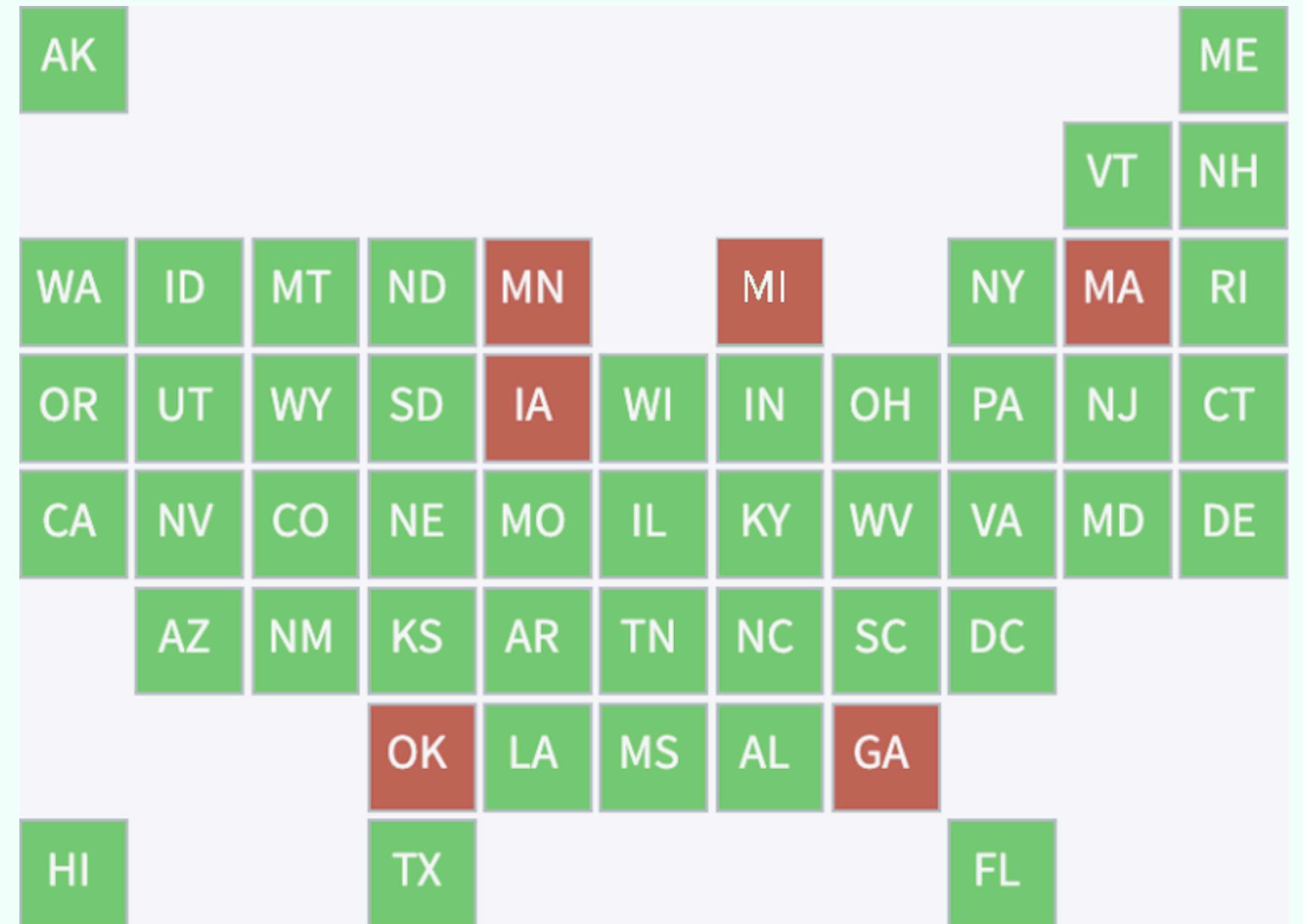
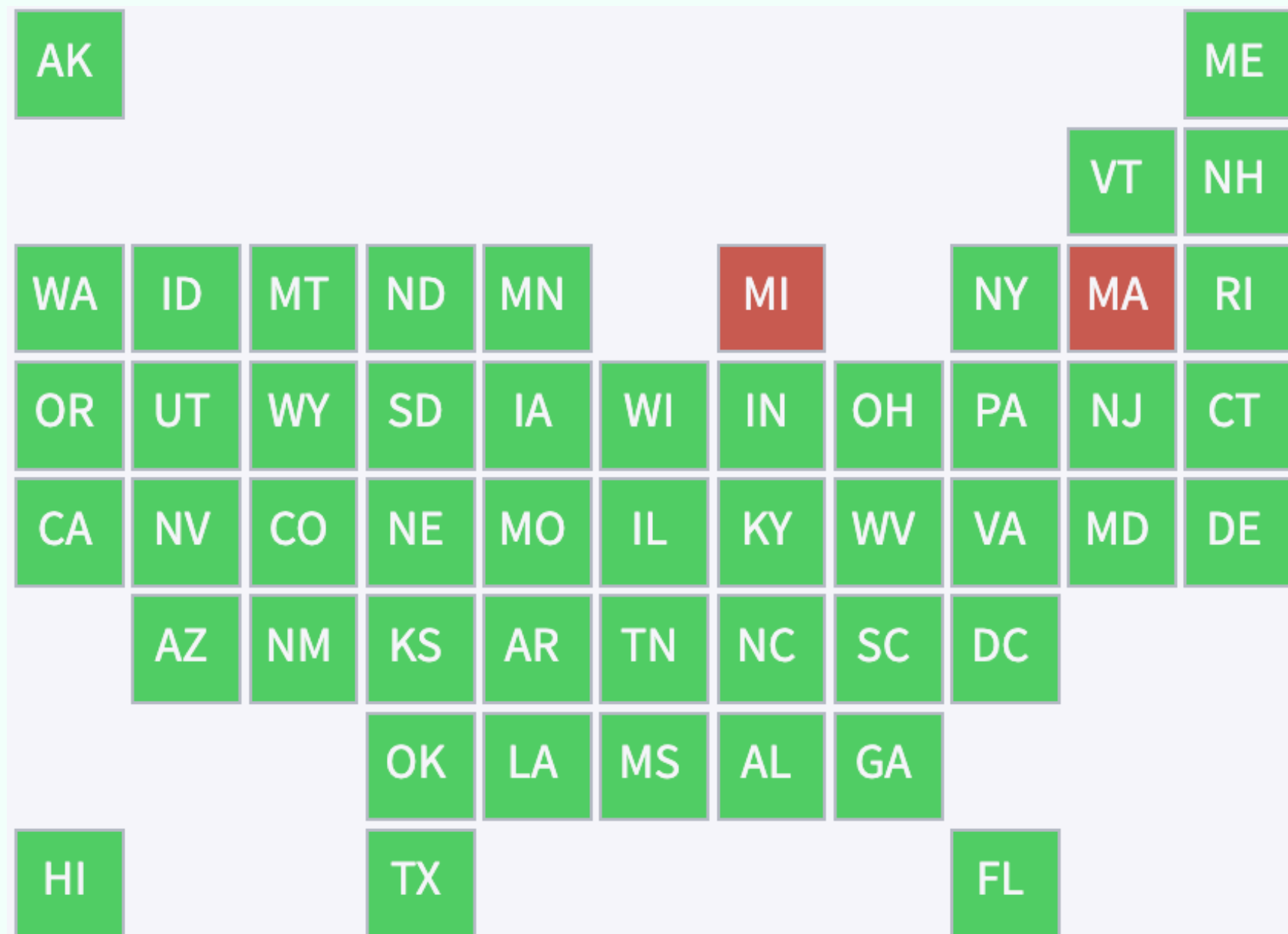
Currently:

- All MA cities and towns as well as most state agencies are subject to Public Records Law.
- MA government is consistently rated the least transparent in the country.

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Do public record laws apply to the Governor's office?

Do public record laws apply to the Legislature?



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How does this renovate democracy in MA?

- **Transparency and Accountability:** A healthy democracy requires that citizens have the right to see and shape their government.
- **Increased trust:** At a time of record low trust in government, it is essential that the public can see how bills die and what is being done with their tax dollars.
- **Voter information:** More voters will know their elected officials' positions and actions when they go to the ballot box.
- *Note:* this law does not make public any personal information that could endanger a legislator, their family, or their right to personal privacy.