

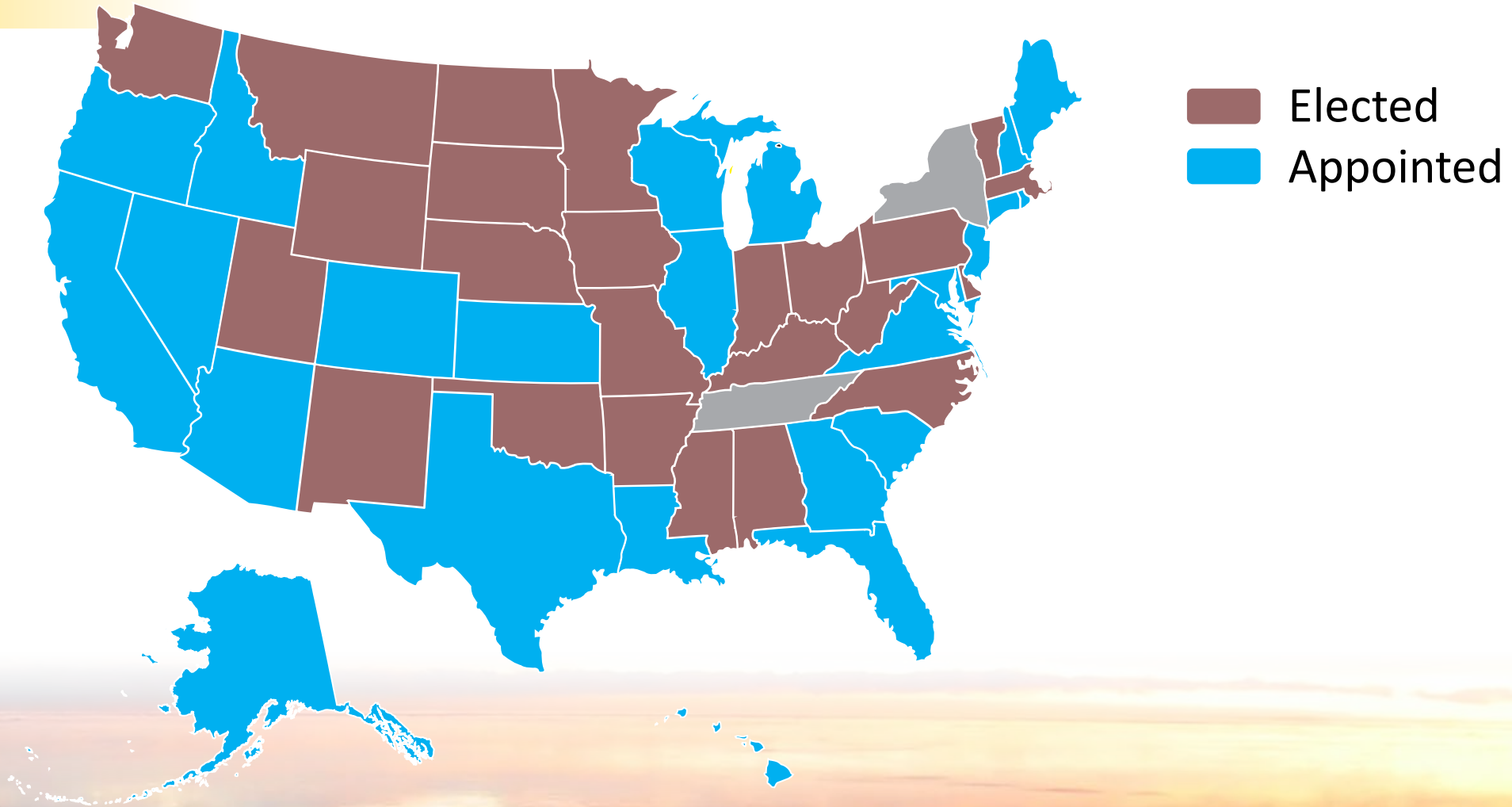
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Alaska Sunset Commission

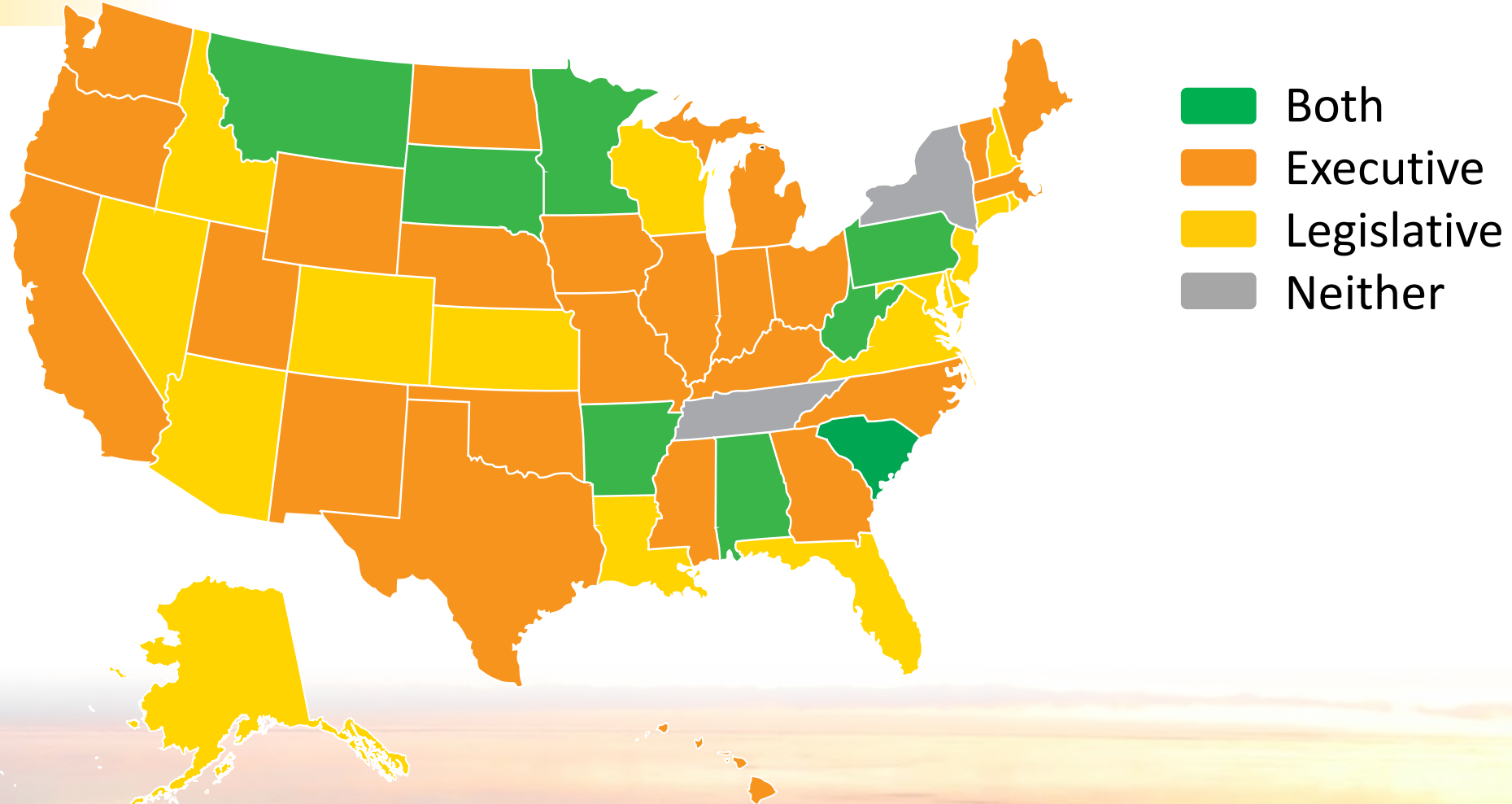
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State Auditors Office

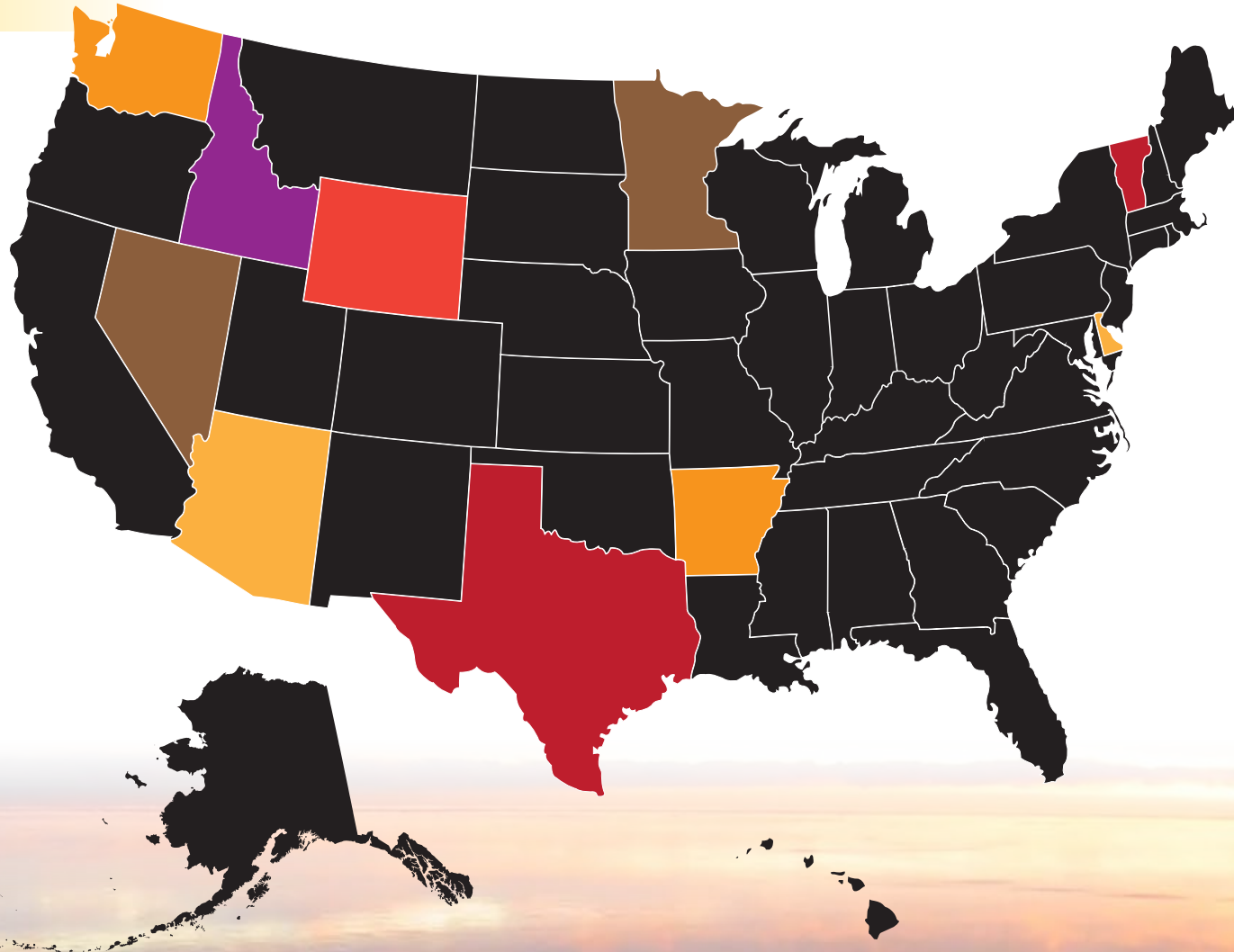


State Auditors Appointed by



Alaska Would Be In Good Company

Other States Currently with a Sunset Commission



- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Delaware
- Idaho
- Minnesota
- Nevada
- Texas
- Vermont
- Washington

What Would Alaska's Sunset Commission Do?

- Conduct reviews of all departments (divisions, sections, offices, etc.)
- Determine whether each entity should be continued, modified, consolidated with another entity, terminated, or enhanced
- Recommend improvements to entities that are to be continued, modified, or consolidated in a bill draft submitted to legislature

Composition of Commission

Public-member team of nine must have the following combination of credentials

- 2 certified public accountants
- 1 budget analyst
- 1 controller/comptroller
- 1 with financial management experience
- 2 with experience as business owner, CEO, or COO based in-state
- 2 with experience in finance, investment, or business management

Sunset Commission:

How It Would Work

1

Sunset Staff Evaluation

Sunset staff performs extensive research and analysis to evaluate the need for, performance of, and improvements to the agency under review.

Sunset Commission Staff

- Reviews agency's self-evaluation report
- Receives input from interested parties
- Evaluates agency and identifies problems
- Publishes staff report with recommendations
- Prepares bill drafts as needed

Agency input is essential

2

Sunset Commission Deliberation

The Sunset Commission conducts public hearings to take testimony on the staff report and the agency overall. The Sunset Commission votes on which changes to recommend to the Legislature.

Public Hearings

- Sunset staff presents its report and recommendations
- Agency presents its response
- Sunset Commission hears public testimony and receives written comments
- Sunset Commission meets again to consider and vote on recommendations

Public input published on the website

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Legislative Action

The Alaska Legislature considers Sunset's recommendations and makes final decisions.

Alaska Legislature

- Sunset bill on agency is drafted and filed
- Sunset bills go through normal legislative process
- If no sunset bill is advanced, agency is dissolved; its constitutional and statutory duties are absorbed by associated office of commissioner

Public may participate in legislative process

Agency continues with improvements

OR

Agency is abolished but may continue business for up to one year, and its functions are transferred to the office of commissioner.

Proposed Audit Cycle

Re-initiated Every 12 Years

- **2024**
Department of Health
Department of Family and Community Services
- **2025**
Office of the Governor
Department of Administration
- **2026**
Department of Law
- **2027**
Department of Revenue
- **2028**
Department of Education and Early Development
- **2029**
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- **2030**
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- **2031**
Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Department of Natural Resources
- **2032**
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Public Safety
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
- **2033**
Department of Environmental Conservation
Department of Corrections
- **2034**
Alaska State Legislature and agencies in the legislative branch of government
- **2035**
University of Alaska
- **2034**
Alaska Court System and agencies in the judicial branch of the government

Impact of Sunset Commission

Within the State of Texas Since 1977

Streamlining Government

- 42 Agencies and programs abolished
- 52 agencies and programs abolished and transferred or consolidated

Saving Taxpayer Money

- \$1 billion in state and federal savings and revenue gains
- Return of \$18 for every \$1 appropriated to the Sunset Commission since 1985

Providing Effective Oversight

- 570 reviews of state agencies and programs conducted
- 80% of Sunset recommendations to the Legislature have become state law since 2001

The Impact of a Sunset Commission

Within the State of Alaska

- Higher level of government accountability and performance
- Dissolved state entities that are redundant, ineffective, or inefficient
- Improved policies and procedures for public services
- Millions of dollars in savings that can be reallocated toward other budget areas where needed
- Targeted revenue resources to ensure efficient and effective government services
- Encourage greater participation and public input



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