



Bans on Guns in Polling Places

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Background

The 2020 election cycle saw an alarming increase in reports of intimidation against voters and election officials. Currently, no federal law prohibits the possession of firearms in polling places, and therefore this policy choice is left to the states. At present, the majority of states have no clear prohibition on bringing guns into polling places.

Scoring

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places, 1/2 point
- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places, 0 points

Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places	38 states	Alabama Alaska Arkansas Colorado Connecticut Delaware Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New York North Carolina North Dakota Oklahoma Oregon



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		Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Dakota Tennessee Utah Vermont Virginia West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming
State has clear prohibition on guns in polling places	12 states & D.C.	Arizona California D.C. Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi Missouri New Mexico Ohio South Carolina Texas Washington



State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Alaska (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Arizona (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (ARS § 13-3102(A)(11)).

Arkansas (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

California (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (CA Election Code § 18544(a)).

Colorado (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Connecticut (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Delaware (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

D.C. (1/2)

- Has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (DC ST § 7-2509.07(a)(5)).

Florida (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (FRS § 790.06(12)(a)6)).

Georgia (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (Ga. Code Ann. § 16-11-127(b)(7)).

Hawaii (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Idaho (0)

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Illinois (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Indiana (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Iowa (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Kansas (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Kentucky (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Louisiana (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (LRS 18: § 461.7(C)(3)).

Maine (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Maryland (0)

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Massachusetts (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Michigan (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Minnesota (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Mississippi (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (MCA § 45-9-101(13)).

Missouri (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (MRS § 571.107.1(2)).



Montana (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Nebraska (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Nevada (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

New Hampshire (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

New Jersey (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

New Mexico (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (NM SB 5 (2024)).

New York (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places

North Carolina (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

North Dakota (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Ohio (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (ORC § 3505.21(B)).

Oklahoma (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Oregon (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places

Pennsylvania (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.



Rhode Island (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

South Carolina (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (SC ST § 23-31-215(M)(3)).

South Dakota (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Tennessee (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Texas (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition against guns in polling places (Texas Penal Code § 46.03(a)(2)).

Utah (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Vermont (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Virginia (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Washington (1/2)

- State has a clear prohibition on guns in polling places (WA HB 1630 (2022)).

West Virginia (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Wisconsin (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.

Wyoming (0)

- State has no clear prohibition on guns in polling places.