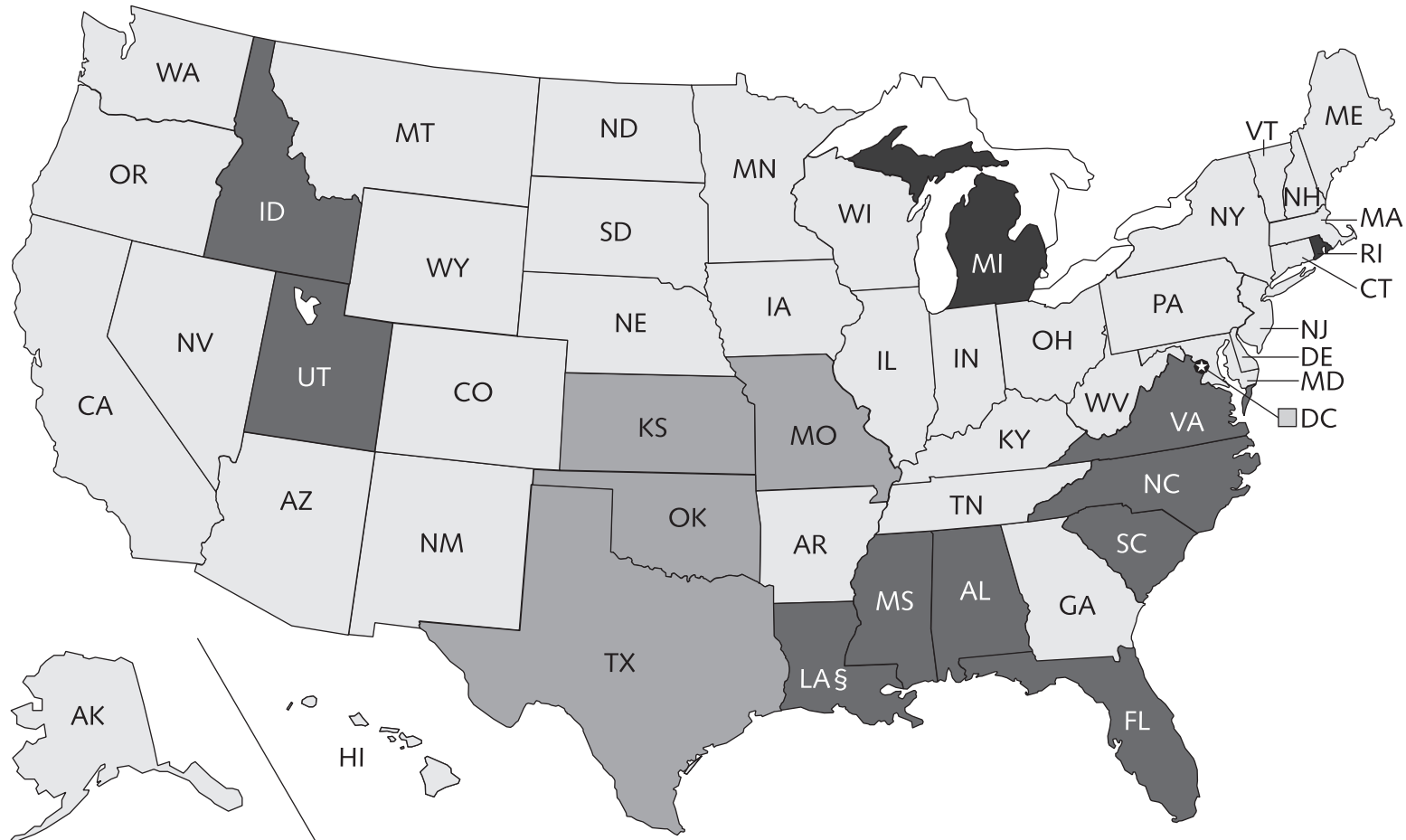


The Right to Privacy in the U.S. pre-*Lawrence v. Texas*

These laws were in effect as of June 25, 2003, but were overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Lawrence v. Texas*



- No sodomy law—free state (35 states & District of Columbia)**
Although some of these states continue to have laws on the books, the state's highest court has declared the laws unconstitutional and unenforceable.
- Same gender sodomy law only—state not free (4 states)**
- Opposite and same gender sodomy law—state not free (9 states)**
- Contested state (2 states)**

* In each of these states, a court at some level has declared the sodomy law unconstitutional. However, the highest court in each of these states has not ruled similarly.

§ In July 2000, a Louisiana Supreme Court decision upheld the state's "Crimes against nature" law.

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