
Newsmakers



1 | CALIFORNIA

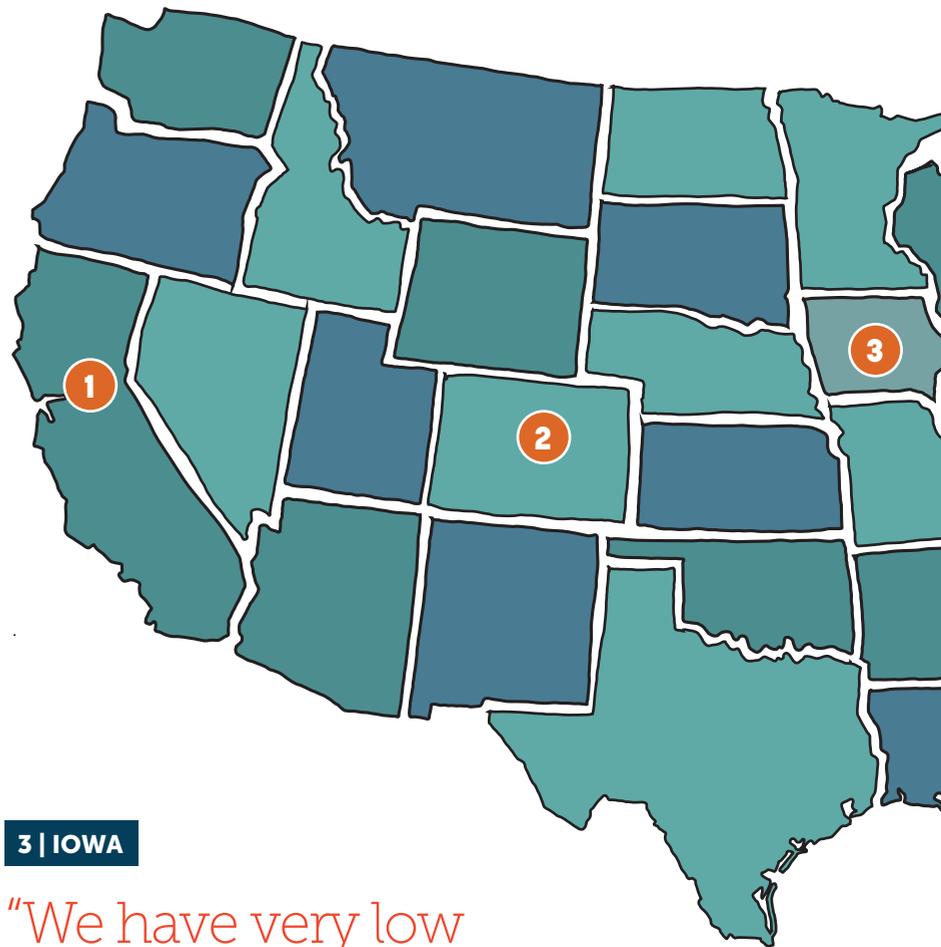
“Technology has fundamentally changed what the word privacy means.”

Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg (D), who helped craft a ballot measure to create a privacy protection agency, in *The Hill*.

2 | COLORADO

“No one is going to say, ‘Oh, I’m just not going to do something because the governor said no.’”

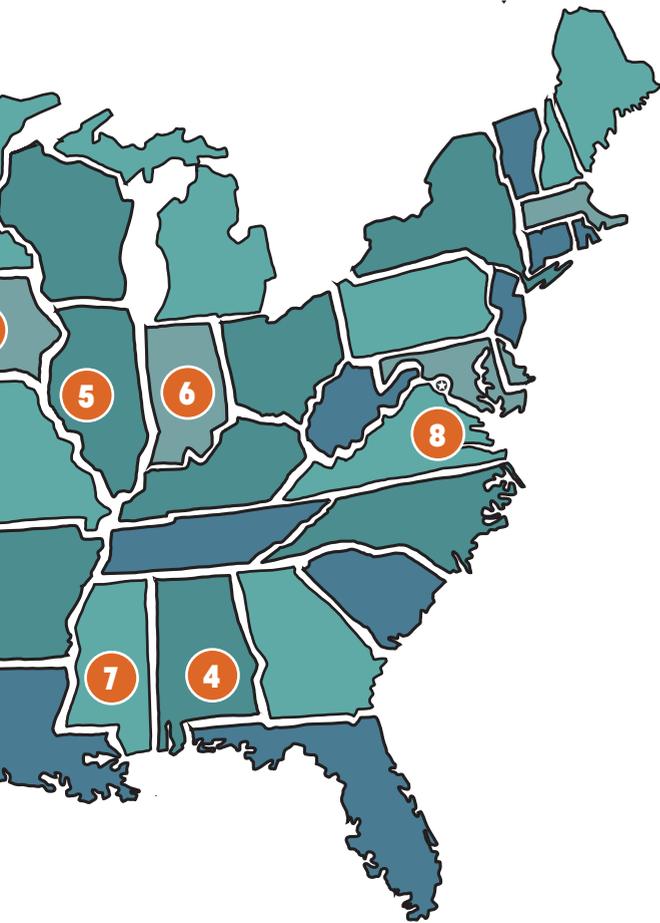
House Speaker KC Becker (D) on how the legislature will work with the state’s governor, in the *Denver Post*



3 | IOWA

“We have very low unemployment here in Iowa, under 2.5 percent, which is a very good problem to have, but then it also creates a situation where businesses that are doing really well right now are struggling to find workforce.”

House Speaker Pat Grassley (R) on creating a desirable workforce, in *The Hill*.



4 | ALABAMA

"This pertains to all religions. It protects everybody."

Representative Lynn Greer (R) on a bill he plans to introduce to add religious establishments to the state's "Stand Your Ground Law," from The Associated Press.

5 | ILLINOIS

Senate President John Cullerton (D) announced his retirement. Cullerton has spent more than four decades in the legislature, the last 10 as Senate president. He plans to step down in mid-January to spend more time with his family and at his law practice.

6 | INDIANA

Representative Todd Huston (R) was selected to replace Speaker Brian Bosma, who plans to step down. Bosma, a House lawmaker since 1986, is the state's longest-serving speaker, having held the position since the 2011 session, after previously leading from 2004 to 2006. Huston, a representative since 2012, previously served as deputy speaker pro tempore and as co-chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Huston will likely be sworn in by the full House at the conclusion of session this year.

7 | MISSISSIPPI

Three-term Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann was elected lieutenant governor. Hosemann will preside over the state's 52-member Senate. He succeeds former Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, who was elected governor in last year's election.

8 | VIRGINIA

House Democrats elected Eileen Filler-Corn (D) as their speaker. A delegate since 2010, Filler-Corn will lead a newly flipped chamber as the first female speaker in the state's 400-year legislative history. In the Senate, which also flipped in the last election, Dick Saslaw (D) moves from minority leader to majority leader. Saslaw was first elected to the House in 1976 and has served in the Senate since 1980.