

**Table 6.18**  
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<b>Alabama</b> .....	No			
<b>Alaska</b> .....	Yes	All (a)	Const. Art., 11 § 8; AS § 15.45.470 et seq.	All elected public officials in the State, except judicial officers, are subject to recall by the voters of the State or political subdivision from which elected.
<b>Arizona</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 8, § 1-6; ARS § 19-201–19-234	Every public officer in the state of Arizona, holding an elective office, either by election or appointment, is subject to recall from such office by the qualified electors of the electoral district from which candidates are elected to such office.
<b>Arkansas</b> .....	No			
<b>California</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 2, § 13-19; CA Election Code § 11000–11386	Recall is the power of the electors to remove an elective officer. Recall of a state officer is initiated by delivering to the Secretary of State a petition alleging reason for recall. Sufficiency of reason is not reviewable.
<b>Colorado</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 21, § 1; CRS § 1-12-101–1-12-122, 23-17-120.5, 31-4-501-505	Every elective public officer of the state of Colorado may be recalled from office at any time by the registered electors entitled to vote for a successor of such incumbent through the procedure and in the manner herein provided for, which procedure shall be known as the recall, and shall be in addition to and without excluding any other method of removal by law.
<b>Connecticut</b> .....	No			
<b>Delaware</b> .....	No			
<b>Florida</b> .....	No			
<b>Georgia</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 2, § 2.4; GA Code § 21-4-1 et seq.	The General Assembly is hereby authorized to provide by general law for the recall of public officials who hold elective office. The procedures, grounds, and all other matters relative to such recall shall be provided for in such law.
<b>Hawaii</b> .....	No			
<b>Idaho</b> .....	Yes	All (a)	Const. Art 6, § 6; ID Code § 34-1701–34-1715	Every public officer in the state of Idaho, excepting the judicial officers, is subject to recall by the legal voters of the state or of the electoral district from which he is elected. The legislature shall pass the necessary laws to carry this provision into effect.
<b>Illinois (b)</b> .....	Yes	(b)	Const. Art 3, § 7	The recall of the Governor may be proposed by a petition signed by a number of electors equal in number to at least 15% of the total votes cast for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election, with at least 100 signatures from each of at least 25 separate counties. A petition shall have been signed by the petitioning electors not more than 150 days after an affidavit has been filed with the State Board of Elections providing notice of intent to circulate a petition to recall the Governor. The affidavit may be filed no sooner than 6 months after the beginning of the Governor's term of office. The affidavit shall have been signed by the proponent of the recall petition, at least 20 members of the House of Representatives, and at least 10 members of the Senate, with no more than half of the signatures of members of each chamber from the same established political party.
<b>Indiana</b> .....	No			

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<b>Iowa</b> .....	No			
<b>Kansas</b> .....	Yes	All (a)	Const. Art. 4, § 3; KSA § 25-4301–25-4331	All elected public officials in the State, except judicial officers, shall be subject to recall by voters of the state or political subdivision from which elected. Procedures and grounds for recall shall be prescribed by law.
<b>Kentucky</b> .....	No			
<b>Louisiana</b> .....	Yes	All (a)	Const. Art. 10, § 26; LRS § 18:1300.1–18:1300.17	The legislature shall provide by general law for the recall by election of any state, district, parochial, ward, or municipal officer except judges of the courts of record. The sole issue at a recall election shall be whether the official shall be recalled.
<b>Maine</b> .....	No			
<b>Maryland</b> .....	No			
<b>Massachusetts</b> .....	No			
<b>Michigan</b> .....	Yes	All (a)	Const. Art. 2, § 8; MCL § 168.951–168.975	Laws shall be enacted to provide for the recall of all elective officers except judges of courts of record upon petition of electors equal in number to 25 percent of the number of persons voting in the last preceding election for the office of governor in the electoral district of the officer sought to be recalled. The sufficiency of any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally required shall be a political rather than a judicial question.
<b>Minnesota</b> .....	Yes	(c)	Const. Art. 8, § 6; MS § 211C.01 et. seq.	A state officer other than a judge may be subject to recall for serious malfeasance or nonfeasance during the term of office in the performance of the duties of the office or conviction during the term of office for a serious crime.
<b>Mississippi</b> .....	No			
<b>Missouri</b> .....	No			
<b>Montana</b> .....	Yes	All	Mont. Code § 2-16-601–2-16-635	Every person holding a public office of the state or any of its political subdivisions, either by election or appointment, is subject to recall from such office.
<b>Nebraska</b> .....	No			
<b>Nevada</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 2, § 9; NRS § 294A.006, Chapter 306	Every public officer in the State of Nevada is subject, as herein provided, to recall from office by the registered voters of the state, or of the county, district, or municipality which he represents.
<b>New Hampshire</b> .....	No			
<b>New Jersey</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 1, § 2; NJRS § 19:27A-1–19:27A-18	The people reserve unto themselves the power to recall, after at least one year of service, any elected official in this State or representing this State in the United States Congress.
<b>New Mexico</b> .....	No			
<b>New York</b> .....	No			
<b>North Carolina</b> .....	No			
<b>North Dakota</b> .....	Yes	All (d)	Const. Art. 3, § 1 and 10; ND Century Code § 16.1-01-09.1	Any elected official of the state, of any county or of any legislative or county commissioner district shall be subject to recall by petition of electors equal in number to twenty-five percent of those who voted at the preceding general election for the office of governor in the state, county, or district in which the official is to be recalled.

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<b>Ohio</b> .....	No			
<b>Oklahoma</b> .....	No			
<b>Oregon</b> .....	Yes	All (d)	Const. Art. 2, § 18; ORS § 249.865–249.880	Every public official in Oregon is subject, as herein provided, to recall by the electors of the state or of the electoral district from which the public official is elected.
<b>Pennsylvania</b> .....	No			
<b>Rhode Island</b> .....	Yes	(e)	Const. Art. 4, § 1	Recall is authorized in the case of a general officer who has been indicted or informed against for a felony, convicted of a misdemeanor, or against whom a finding of probable cause of violation of the code of ethics has been made by the ethics commission.
<b>South Carolina</b> .....	No			
<b>South Dakota</b> .....	No			
<b>Tennessee</b> .....	No			
<b>Texas</b> .....	No			
<b>Utah</b> .....	No			
<b>Vermont</b> .....	No			
<b>Virginia</b> .....	No (f)			
<b>Washington</b> .....	Yes	All (a)	Const. Art. 1, Sec. 33–34; WRC § 29.82-010–29.82.220	Every elective public officer of the state of Washington except judges of courts of record is subject to recall and discharge by the legal voters of the state, or of the political subdivision of the state, from which he was elected whenever a petition demanding his recall, . . . is filed with the officer with whom a petition for nomination, or certificate for nomination, to such office must be filed under the laws of this state, and the same officer shall call a special election as provided by the general election laws of this state and the result determined as therein provided.
<b>West Virginia</b> .....	No			
<b>Wisconsin</b> .....	Yes	All	Const. Art. 13, § 12; Wisc. Stat. § 9.10	The qualified electors of the state, of any congressional, judicial or legislative district or of any county may petition for the recall of any incumbent elective officer after the first year of the term for which the incumbent was elected, by filing a petition with the filing officer with whom the nomination petition is filed, demanding the recall of the incumbent.
<b>Wyoming</b> .....	No			
<b>No. Marianas Islands</b>	Yes	All	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Puerto Rico</b> .....	Yes	All	N.A.	N.A.
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b> .....	Yes	All	Constitutional and statutory citations exist	N.A.

Sources: The Council of State Governments, state constitutions and statutes, May 2014.

Note: This table refers only to officials elected to statewide office. Many local governments allow recall of elected officials.

Key:

N.A. — Not available

(a) Except judicial.

(b) Illinois allows for recall of the governor.

(c) State executive officers, legislators, and judicial officers.

(d) Except for U.S. Congress.

(e) Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, and attorney general.

(f) Virginia permits a recall trial, not a recall election.

**Table 6.19**  
**STATE RECALL PROVISIONS: APPLICABILITY TO STATE OFFICIALS AND PETITION CIRCULATION**

State or other jurisdiction	Officers to whom recall is applicable (a)	No. of times recall can be attempted	Recall may be initiated after official has been in office	Recall may not be initiated with days remaining in term	Basis for signatures (b) (see key below)		Maximum time allowed for petition circulation (c)
					Statewide officers	Others	
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alaska	All but judicial officers	...	120 days	...	...	...	...
Arizona	All elected officials	1 (d)	6 mos./5 days legislators	180	25% VO	25% VO	120 days
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	25% VO (e)	25% VO (e)	...
California	All elected officials	(f)	90 days	6 mos.	12% VO, 1% from 5 counties	20% VO	160 days
Colorado	All elected officials	(g)	6 mos.	6 mos.	25% VO	25% VO	60 days
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	All state level officials, county and city elected officials	...	180 days	180	15% EV (h), 1/15 from each congressional district	30% EV (h)	(f)
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	All but judicial officers	(d)	90 days	...	20% EVg	50% VO	60 days
Illinois	Governor	...	...	...	15% VO from 25 counties	20 state Rep. and 10 state Sen.	150 days
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	All but judicial officers	1	120 days	180	40% VO	40% VO	90 days
Kentucky	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Louisiana	All but judicial officers	(f)	1 day	6 mos.	33 1/3% EV (k)	40% EV (k)	180 days
Maine	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	All but judicial officers	No limit	6 mos.	6 mos.	25% VG in district	25% VG in district	90 days
Minnesota	All state level officials	No limit	...	6 mos.	25% VO	25% VO	90 days
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	All state level officers and elected officials	(l)	2 mos.	...	10% EV	(m)	3 mos.
Nebraska	Elected officials from political subdivisions	(n)	6 mos.	6 mos.	25% VO in given jurisdiction	35-45% VO	...
Nevada	All officers	(d)	6 mos. (o)	...	25% VO in given jurisdiction	25% VO in given jurisdiction	90 days
New Hampshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey	All elected officials	(p)	(q)	(r)	25% VO in given jurisdiction	25% VO in given jurisdiction	(s)
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	All elected state officials	1	...	190	25% EVg	25% EV	90 days
Ohio	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	All elected state officials	No limit	180 days (t)	...	15% (u)	15% (u)	90 days
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	Gov., lt. gov., atty. gen., sec. of state, treasurer	...	6 mos.	...	15% VO	...	90 days
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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