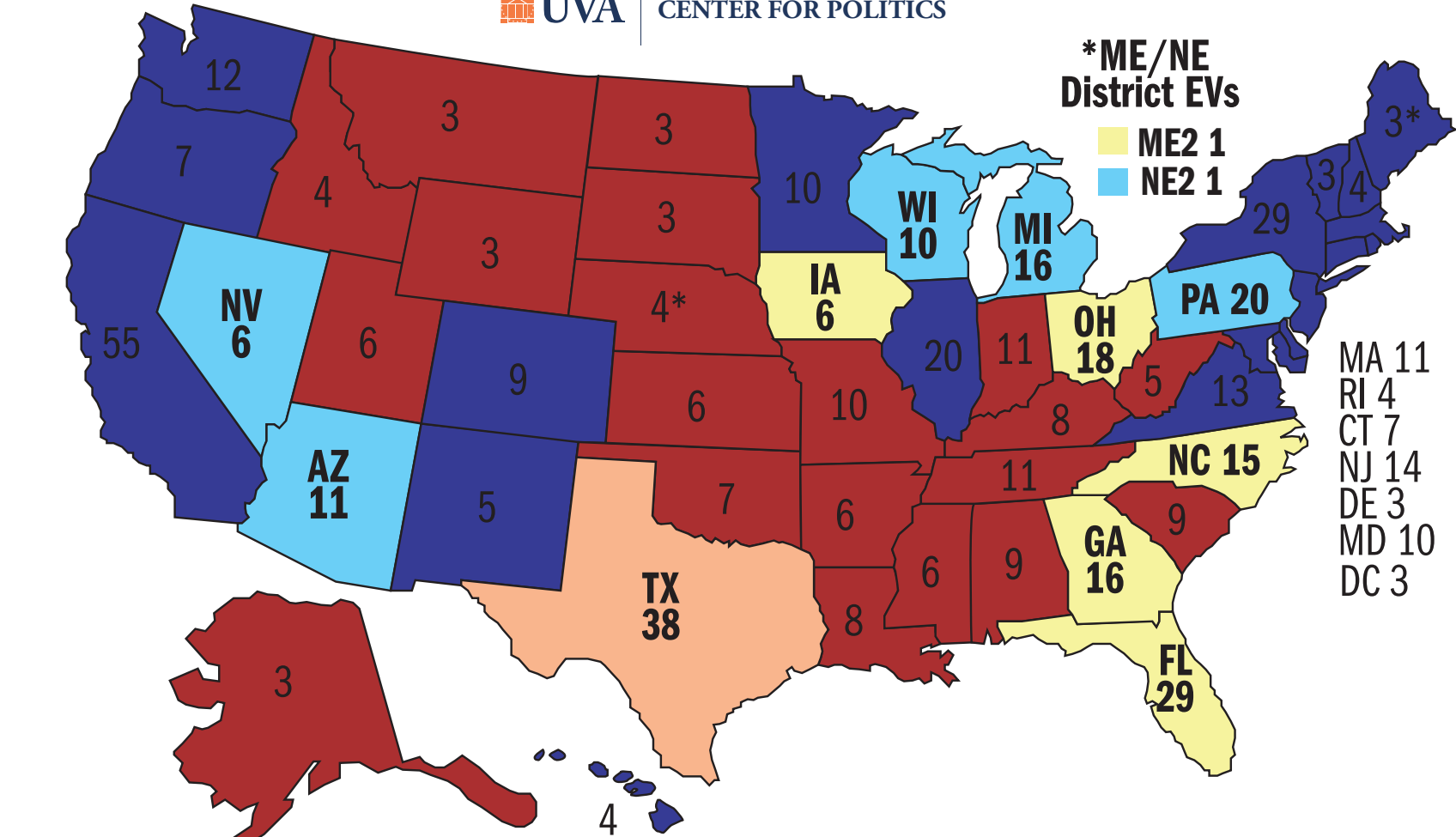


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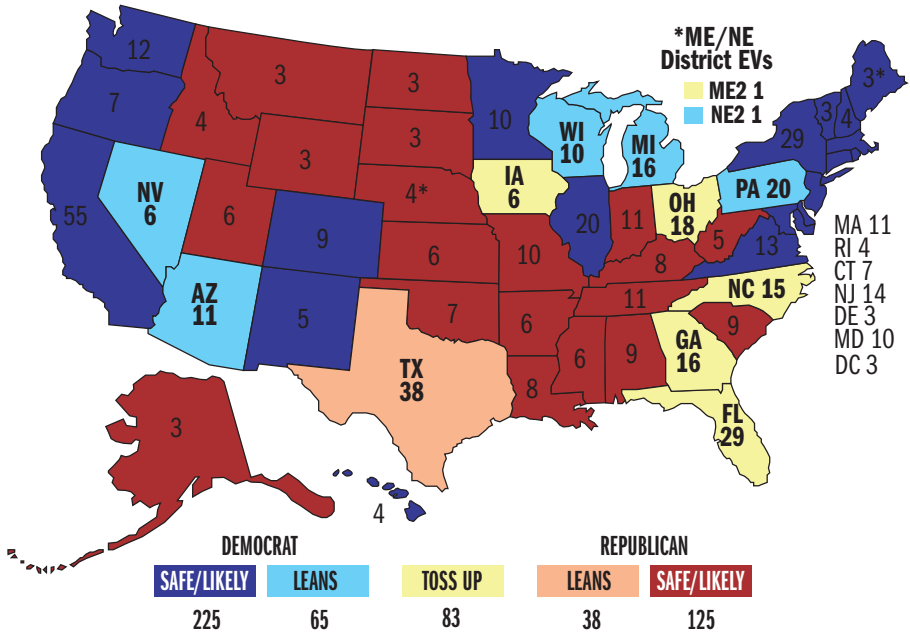


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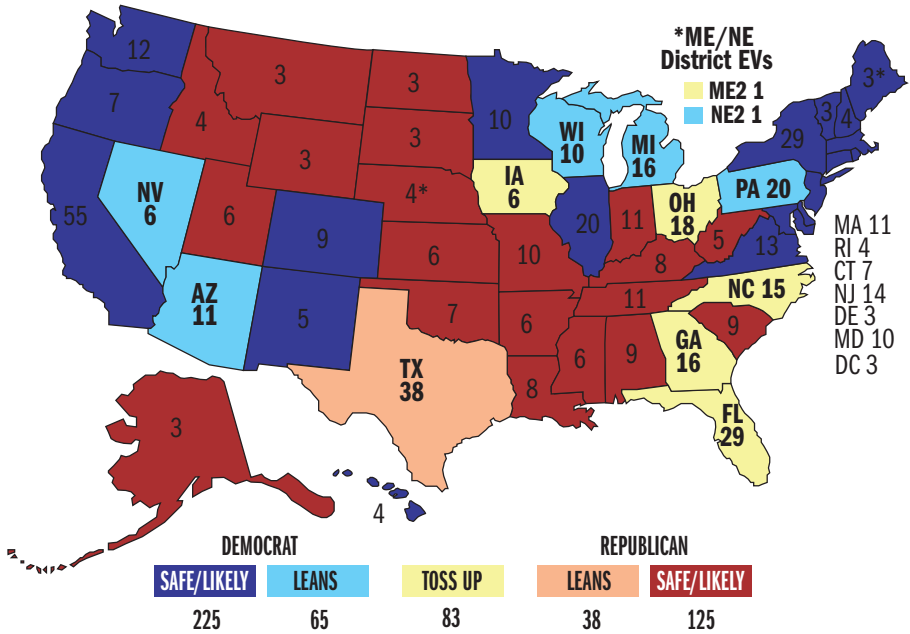
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STATE SYMBOL WITH ELECTORAL VOTES	POLLING AVERAGES AS OF 10/27/20	ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT PROCESSING CAN BEGIN	ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT COUNTING CAN BEGIN	WHEN CAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE MAILED AND RECEIVED?	NOTES	WHEN WILL WE KNOW?
PENNSYLVANIA						
	Trump: 47.0 % Biden: 52.3 %	7:00 AM, 11/3/20	7:00 AM, 11/3/20	Postmarked by 11/3 by 8 PM; received by 11/6 by 5 PM.	Ballot needs to be sealed inside secrecy envelope in order to be counted.	
MICHIGAN						
	Trump: 45.3 % Biden: 53.7 %	11/2/20 (in cities & towns with 25,000 people)	11/3/20	Received by 11/3 at 8 PM.	Mail had been extremely delayed in past few weeks. Officials recommending hand deliver or vote in person from this point on.	
ARIZONA						
	Trump: 48.1 % Biden: 50.5 %	10/20/20	10/20/20	Received by 11/3 at 7 PM.	In regular elections over the past two decades, 80% of Arizona has voted by mail.	
WISCONSIN						
	Trump: 46.2 % Biden: 52.9 %	11/3/20 ("after the polls open")	11/3/20 (after the polls open)	Received by 11/3 at 8 PM.	One witness must sign.	
NEVADA						
	Trump: 45.5 % Biden: 52.3 %	10/30/20	11/3/20	Postmarked by 11/3.	4 year prison penalty for attempting to vote in person if a mail in ballot has been completed.	
NEBRASKA 2ND DISTRICT						
	Trump: 47.1 % Biden: 51.6 %	10/26/20	11/2/20 (24 hours before the opening of polls)	Received by 11/3 at 8 PM CT / 7 PM MT.	Have long history of mail-in voting, with no excuse required.	
LIKELY DEMOCRAT						
VIRGINIA						
	Trump: 43.5 % Biden: 55.5 %	Not specified	11/3/20	Postmarked on or before 11/3 and received by 11/6 at noon or hand delivered by 7 PM on 11/3.	Reasonable. No opportunity for ballot correction if mistake is made.	

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STATE SYMBOL WITH ELECTORAL VOTES	POLLING AVERAGES AS OF 10/27/20	ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT PROCESSING CAN BEGIN	ABSENTEE/MAIL-IN BALLOT COUNTING CAN BEGIN	WHEN CAN ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE MAILED AND RECEIVED?	NOTES	WHEN WILL WE KNOW?
FLORIDA						
	Trump: 48.6 % Biden: 50.5 %	10/12/20	10/12/20	Received by 11/3 at 7 PM for voters in continental U.S. Overseas voters must postmark ballot by 11/3.	Signature match required; cured by 11/9.	
OHIO						
	Trump: 50.1 % Biden: 48.9 %	Not specified	11/3/20	Postmarked 11/2. Ballots can be counted until 11/17.	Long history of mail-in voting, with no excuse required. Have had very popular early in-person voting this session.	
GEORGIA						
	Trump: 49.5 % Biden: 49.7%	Upon receipt	7 AM, 11/3/20	Due 10/30.	Must be delivered by voter unless voter is disabled.	
NORTH CAROLINA						
	Trump: 48.1 % Biden: 50.5 %	Not specified	10/20/20	Postmarked 11/3; received 11/12. Hand delivered deadline is 11/3.	One witness must sign.	
IOWA						
	Trump: 49.3 % Biden: 49.4 %	10/31/20	11/2/20	Postmarked 11/2; received by 11/9.	Several thousand partially pre-filled ballots sent to Iowans; these are illegal and votes will not be counted.	
MAINE, 2ND DISTRICT						
	Trump: 49.1 % Biden: 49.3 %	Not specified	After polls close on 11/3 with local approval.	Received by 11/3, 8 PM.	Processing ballots earlier this year to manage increased mail-in voting.	
LEANS REPUBLICAN						
TEXAS						
	Trump: 50.8 % Biden: 48.3 %	Upon receipt	11/3/20. If more than 100,000 people, counting can begin at the end of the early voting period.	Postmarked by 11/3 and received by 11/4.	VERY few ballot boxes - only one per county	

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