

A TABLE OF FACTS ABOUT MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE UNITED STATES

This table includes all states classified as making available any substantial measure of home rule for municipalities. In the first column, abbreviations classify the state home rule provisions as self-executing (S-ex), mandatory (Mand.), permissive (Perm.), or legislative (Legis.). Entries in the last column indicate the reported principal reason more eligible cities (than those shown in the preceding column) have not adopted home rule charters. "Disinterest" may be that of municipal officials, civic groups, or both; "liberality general law" indicates that nonhome rule cities generally possess powers sufficient to remove any particular compulsion toward adoption of home rule; "power restrictions" mean substantially the same thing in reverse—that home rule status lacks attractiveness because powers obtainable are so circumscribed; "difficult procedures" cover unrealistic requirements and involved processes required in attaining home rule status; other entries are self-explanatory.

HOME RULE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

	Year Adopted	Type of Home Rule	Cities Eligible	1956		Principal Reasons More Cities Have Not Adopted Charters
				No. Cities Eligible to Frame Charters	No. Cities Adopted Charters	
ALASKA	1958	S-ex	First-class cities	.....¹³	.....¹³	.....¹³
ARIZONA	1910	S-ex (Gov.)	Over 3,500	19	5	Disinterest.
CALIFORNIA	1879	S-ex (Legis.)	Over 3,500	144	68	Liberality General Law.
COLORADO	1902	S-ex	Over 2,000	46	14	Difficult procedures.
CONNECTICUT	1965	Legis.	Any city, town, borough	184	1	Difficult procedures.
FLORIDA	1915	Legis.	Every city and town	320	100 ¹⁴	Power Restrictions.
GEORGIA	1945	Perm.	.....¹³	0 ¹⁵	0	Lack Implementing Law.
HAWAII	1959	Mand.	All	.....¹³	.....¹³	.....¹³
IDAHO	1889	Legis.	.....¹³	0	0	Charter Power Not Granted.
KANSAS	1961	Mand.	All	.....¹³	.....¹³	.....¹³
LOUISIANA	1947	Mand. (Gov.)	Any Municipality	240	3	Liberality General Law.
MARYLAND	1915	Mand.	All Municipalities	144	100	Brevity of Time.
MICHIGAN	1963	Mand.	Each City and Village	501	211	Multiple Reasons.
MINNESOTA	1896	Mand.	Any City or Village	821	84	Multiple Reasons.
MISSOURI	1875	S-ex	Over 10,000	28	8	Disinterest.