

Regional Realignment Project

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Goals of the Project

- Evaluate the current regional structure to determine if an alternate alignment of regions will help facilitate regional missions at reduced cost.
- Realign the geographic regions to rebalance the number of labs being served by each support organization, reduce the number of regions, and realize a cost savings while maintaining regional projects and activities.

Considerations Taken into Account

- Equitable balancing of number of labs per region
- Cost Savings
- Ability to support the regional ‘charter’
- Transition plan for support contracts
- Augmentation of the national support contract to include the centralization of key regional support elements to eliminate regional sub-contracts [websites, etc.] to achieve further cost savings.

Economic Impact of Reduced Regions

One scenario:

- Total \$ available to 6 regions: $6 \times \$ \underline{85K} = \$510K$
- Total \$ available to 5 regions: $5 \times \$ \underline{102K} = \$510K$
- Total \$ available to 4 regions: $4 \times \$ \underline{127.5K} = \$510K$
- Total \$ available to 3 regions: $3 \times \$ \underline{170K} = \$510K$
- Total \$ available to 2 regions: $2 \times \$ \underline{255K} = \$510K$

Based on 2006 budget figures

Current Regional “Charter”

- FLC T² Desk Reference -- Section 2.2

“The FLC membership is divided into six geographical regions – Northeast, Mid- Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest, Mid-Continent, and Far West. These regional entities provide improved communication and accessibility to individual laboratories within each region and hold periodic meetings of the member laboratories. Each region elects a Regional Coordinator and Deputy Regional Coordinator. **Regional Coordinators function as primary links between the FLC and potential users of federal technology in their regions and the organizers of special regional and state projects. They are also focal points for the laboratories and other organizations in their regions.** In addition to representing their own laboratories, Regional Coordinators maintain contact with other research institutions, as well as federal, public, and private agencies. The Regional Coordinators are significant links in the entire FLC system, assisting the laboratories they represent in a variety of activities. Regional Coordinators also represent the region as members of the FLC Executive Committee.”

Current Regional “Charter” [Cont’d]

- **Ops Manual: Duties and Responsibilities [15]**
 2. Maintain liaison between the EB & Consortium members. Keep the EB advised on regional matters;
 3. Learn the capabilities, resources, & expertise of all facilities, plus their limitations, attitudes, workloads, etc.;
 7. Attend annual conferences of special interest groups within the region or delegate attendance to others;
 8. Establish appropriate linkages with Industrial ESCs and MTCs and other T2-related activities within the region;
 10. Develop working relations with “user brokers” representing both the public and private sectors;
 11. Become familiar with community and industrial programs sponsored by institutions of higher learning in the region and develop linkages;

Verified Voting Locations by Regions Current Structure

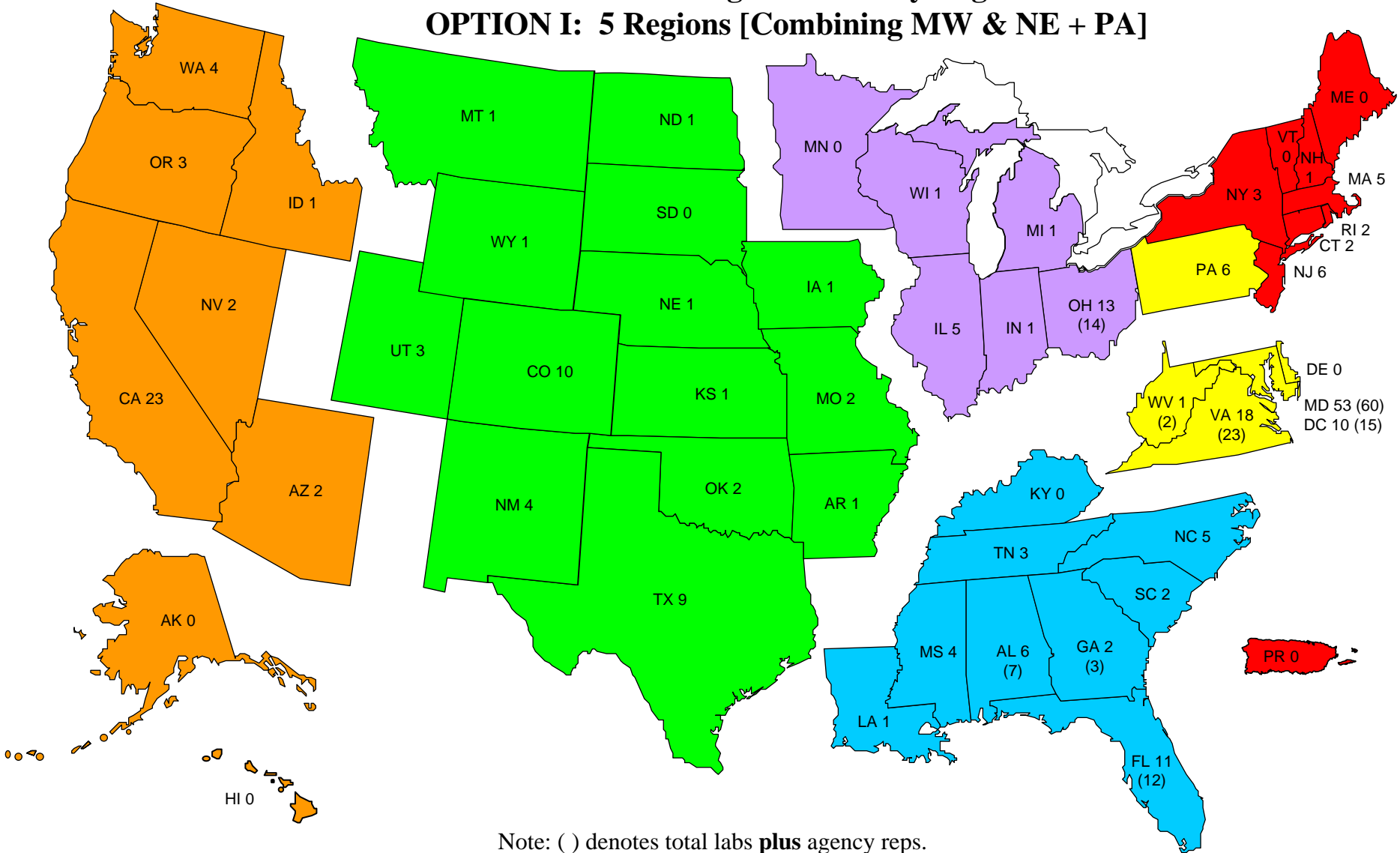


Note: () denotes total labs **plus** agency reps.

Far West 35	Mid-Continent 37	Southeast 34 (37)	Mid-Atlantic 88 (106)	Midwest 21 (22)	Northeast 19
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Verified Voting Locations by Regions

OPTION I: 5 Regions [Combining MW & NE + PA]

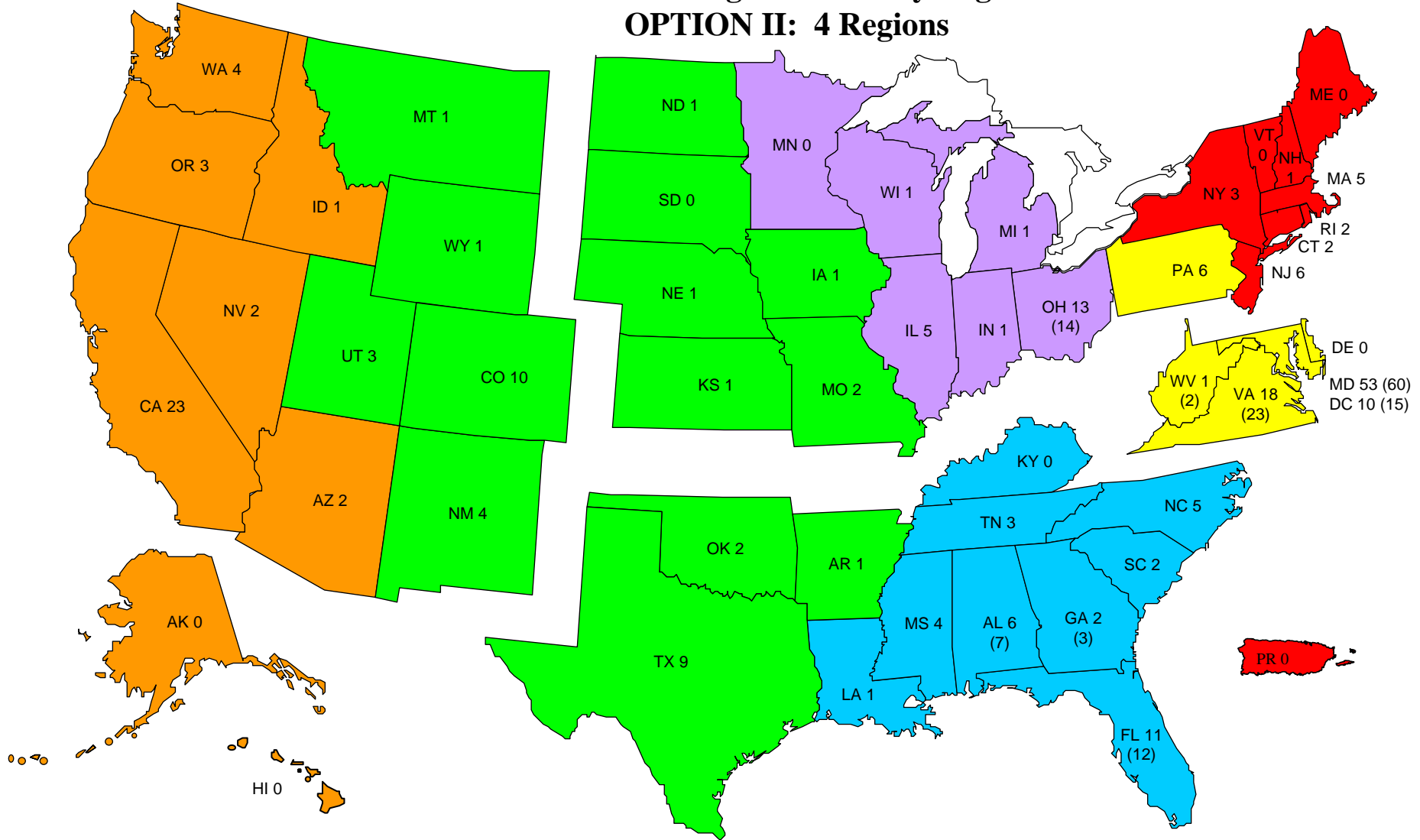


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Baseline	Far West 35	Mid-Continent 37	Southeast 34 (37)	Mid-Atlantic 88 (106)	Midwest 21 (22)	Northeast 19
Option I	Far West 35	Mid-Continent 37	Southeast 34 (37)	Mid-Atlantic 82 (106)	Northern Region 46 (47)	

Verified Voting Locations by Regions

OPTION II: 4 Regions

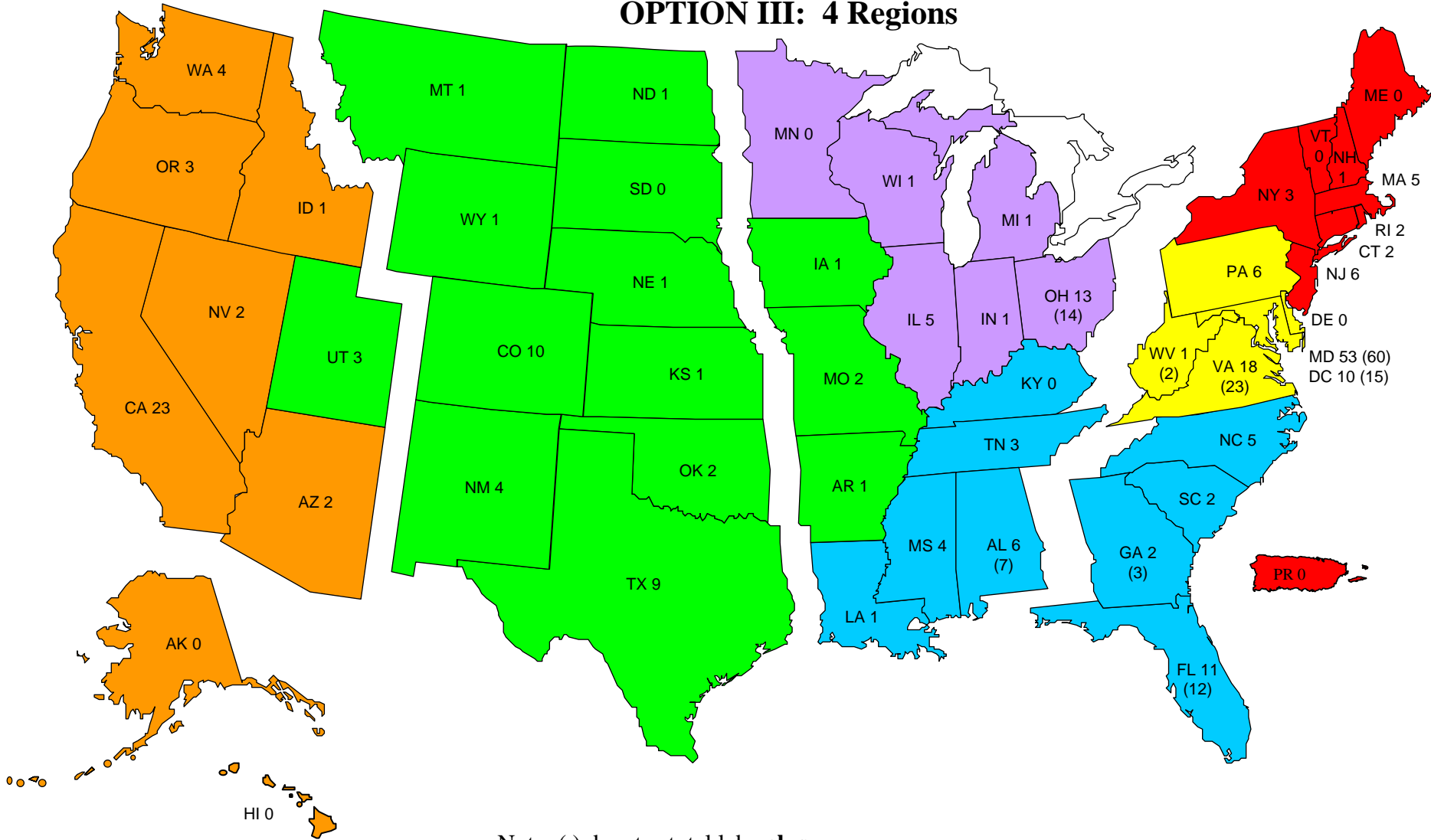


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Baseline	Far West 35	Mid-Continent 37	Southeast 34 (37)	Mid-Atlantic 88 (106)	Midwest 21 (22)	Northeast 19
Option II	Western Region 54		Southern Region 46 (49)	Mid-Atlantic Region 82 (100)	Northern Region 52 (53)	

Verified Voting Locations by Regions

OPTION III: 4 Regions

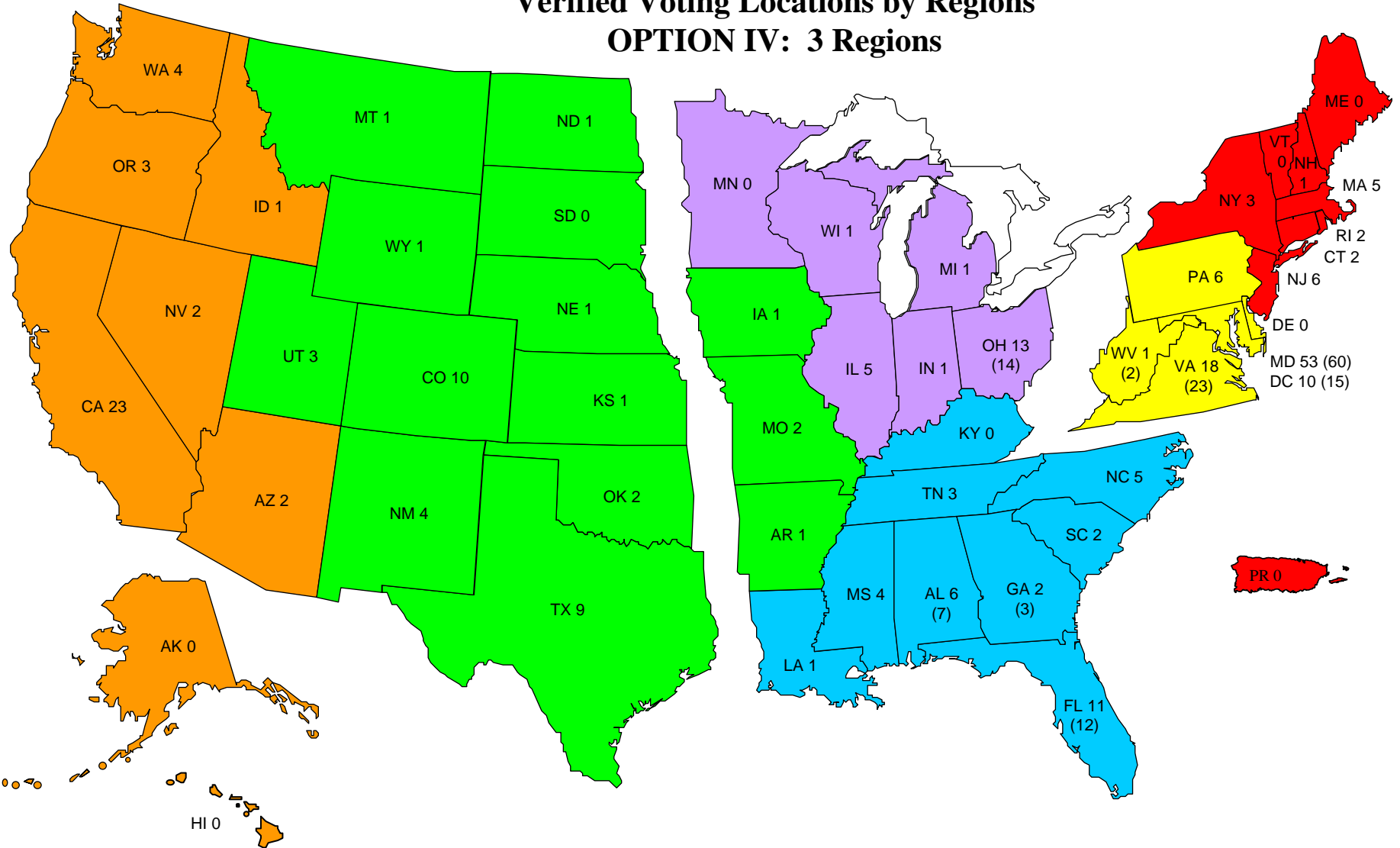


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Option III	Western Region 38	Mid-Continent Region 30	Central Region 39 (41)	Eastern Region 127 (147)		

Verified Voting Locations by Regions

OPTION IV: 3 Regions

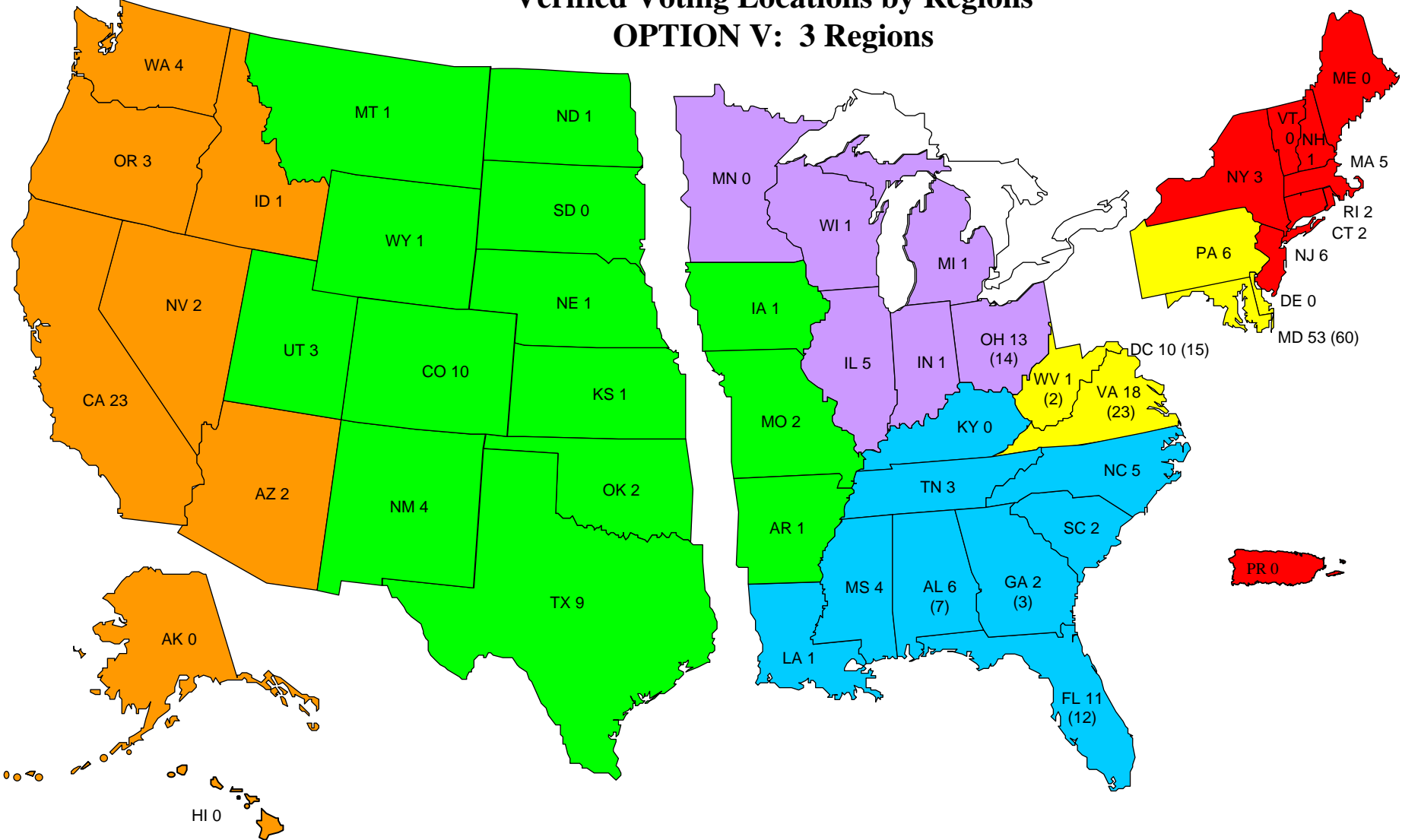


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Option IV	Western Region 68		Central Region 59 (64)		Eastern Region 107 (125)	

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OPTION V: 3 Regions

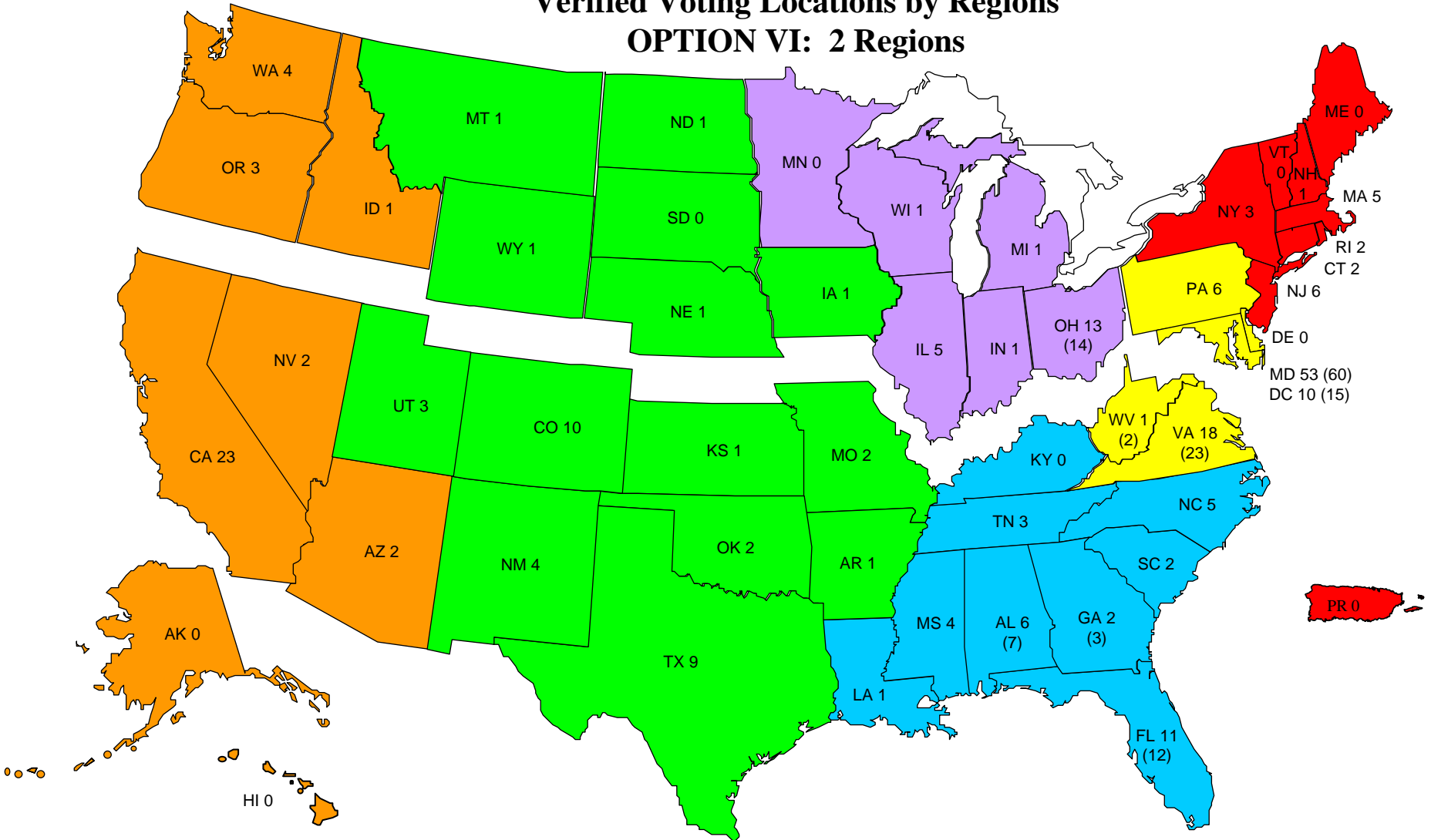


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Baseline	Far West 35	Mid-Continent 37	Southeast 34 (37)	Mid-Atlantic 88 (106)	Midwest 21 (22)	Northeast 19
Option V	Western Region 68		Central Region 88 (98)		Eastern Region 78 (85)	

Verified Voting Locations by Regions

OPTION VI: 2 Regions



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Baseline	Far West 35	Mid-Continent 38	Southeast 35 (37)	Mid-Atlantic 88 (106)	Midwest 21 (22)	Northeast 19
Option VI	Southern Region 112 (121)			Northern Region 122 (135)		

Recommendations:

- **Option II Recommended**
- **Option I Should be Considered**
- **Regional Charter needs to be developed**

Actions:

- **RC's Review Option II for negative impact**