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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The mission of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as prescribed by law is to standardize geographical nomenclature and orthography throughout the federal government. Of paramount importance to the federal government in the standardization process is local use and acceptance. Therefore, in order to achieve a desired level of local recommendation for geographical names in the United States, the federal government encourages the formation of committees to make recommendations on behalf of the local and State governments.

Problems and requirements vary from State to State, and therefore, the composition and structure as well as the policies and procedures of each State names authority varies. The attached list of States, territories, and outlying areas presents the type of State names authority and its primary membership or composition. Where more than one category is indicated, joint sponsorship is recognized. In the nine States where there is presently no formal authority, the Federal Board's staff deals directly with the local jurisdiction or when official local recommendations are divided, the State's governor's office is asked to make a recommendation.

**U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
OFFICIAL STATE NAMES AUTHORITIES**

<u>State or Territory</u>	<u>Alpha FIPS Code</u>	<u>Numeric FIPS Code</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Geological Survey</u>	<u>Natural & Water Resources</u>	<u>Library & Archives Hist. Soc.</u>	<u>Department of Transportation</u>	<u>State Geographer</u>	<u>State Planning</u>	<u>Universities</u>	<u>Formation Pending</u>
Alabama	AL	01		Committee	X							
Alaska	AK	02		Board		X						
American Samoa	AS	60	X									
Arizona	AZ	04		Board			X					
Arkansas	AR	05	X									
California	CA	06		Board		X						
Colorado	CO	08		Board		X	X					
Connecticut	CT	09		Committee	X			X				
Delaware	DE	10		Advisor			X					
District of Columbia	DC	11	X									
Florida	FL	12		Board					X			
Georgia	GA	13		Advisor			X					
Guam	GU	66	X									
Hawaii	HI	15		Board						X		
Idaho	ID	16		Board			X					
Illinois	IL	17		Board	X	X					X	
Indiana	IN	18	X									
Iowa	IA	19	X									
Kansas	KS	20	X									
Kentucky	KY	21		Advisor				X			X	
Louisiana	LA	22		Advisor							X	
Maine	ME	23		Committee	X						X	
Maryland	MD	24		Advisor				X				
Massachusetts	MA	25	X									
Michigan	MI	26	X									
Minnesota	MN	27		Committee		X						
Mississippi	MS	28		Advisor				X				
Missouri	MO	29		Board				X				
Montana	MT	30		Committee		X					X	

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Nebraska	NE	31		Advisor Board		X							
Nevada	NV	32		Advisor Board	X								
New Hampshire	NH	33		Advisor Board									
New Jersey	NJ	34		Advisor Board					X				
New Mexico	NM	35		Advisor Board									
New York	NY	36		Committee Advisor				X					
North Carolina	NC	37		Committee Advisor									
North Dakota	ND	38		Committee Advisor									
Northern Mariana Islands	MP	69	X										
Ohio	OH	39	X										
Oklahoma	OK	40		Board Board Board									
Oregon	OR	41		Board Board Board				X					
Pennsylvania	PA	42		Board Board Board				X					
Puerto Rico	PR	72	X										
Rhode Island	RI	44		Advisor Board									
South Carolina	SC	45		Committee Board									
South Dakota	SD	46		Committee Board									
Tennessee	TN	47	X										
Texas	TX	48		Committee Board									
Utah	UT	49		Committee Board									
Vermont	VT	50		Committee Board									
Virginia	VA	51		Committee Board									
Virgin Islands	VI	78	X										
Washington	WA	53		Board									
West Virginia	WV	54	X	Board Board									
Wisconsin	WI	55		Board Board									
Wyoming	WY	56		Board Board									

Boards = 20
 Committees = 10
 Advisors = 11
 Total = 41

Some States have joint agency responsibility and are so indicated

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