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State Names Authorities of the United States of America

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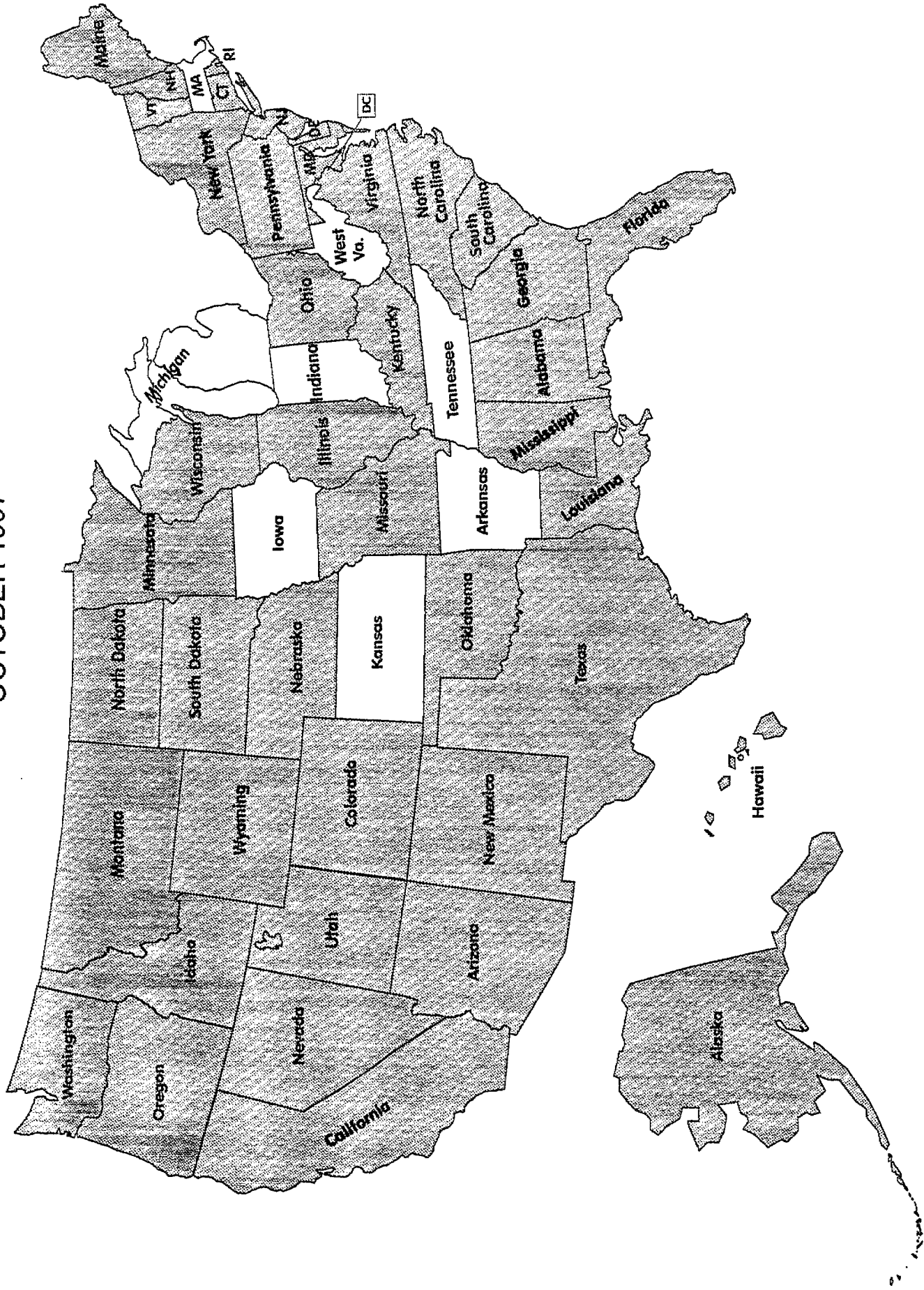
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The mission of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as prescribed by law is to standardize geographical nomenclature and orthography throughout the Federal government. Of paramount importance to the Federal government in the standardization process is 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 eight 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.

UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
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State or Territory	Alpha FIPS Code	Numeric FIPS Code	None	Type	Geological Survey	Natural & Water Resources	Library & Archives & Hist. Soc.	Department of Transportation	State Geographer	State Planning	Universities	Formation Pending
Alabama	AL	01		Committee Board	X							
Alaska	AK	02				X						
American Samoa	AS	60	X				X					
Arizona	AZ	04	X	Board			X					
Arkansas	AR	05										
California	CA	06		Committee Board		X	X					
Colorado	CO	08		Committee Board	X	X						
Connecticut	CT	09		Committee Board			X					
Delaware	DE	10		Advisor								
District of Columbia	DC	11	X						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	
Indiana	IN	18	X									
Iowa	IA	19	X									
Kansas	KS	20	X									
Kentucky	KY	21		Advisor							X	
Louisiana	LA	22		Advisor							X	
Maine	ME	23		Committee Board	X						X	
Maryland	MD	24		Advisor								
Massachusetts	MA	25	X									
Michigan	MI	26	X									
Minnesota	MN	27		Committee Board		X						
Mississippi	MS	28		Advisor								
Missouri	MO	29		Board								X
Montana	MT	30		Committee Board		X						

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

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 Some States have joint agency responsibility and are so indicated