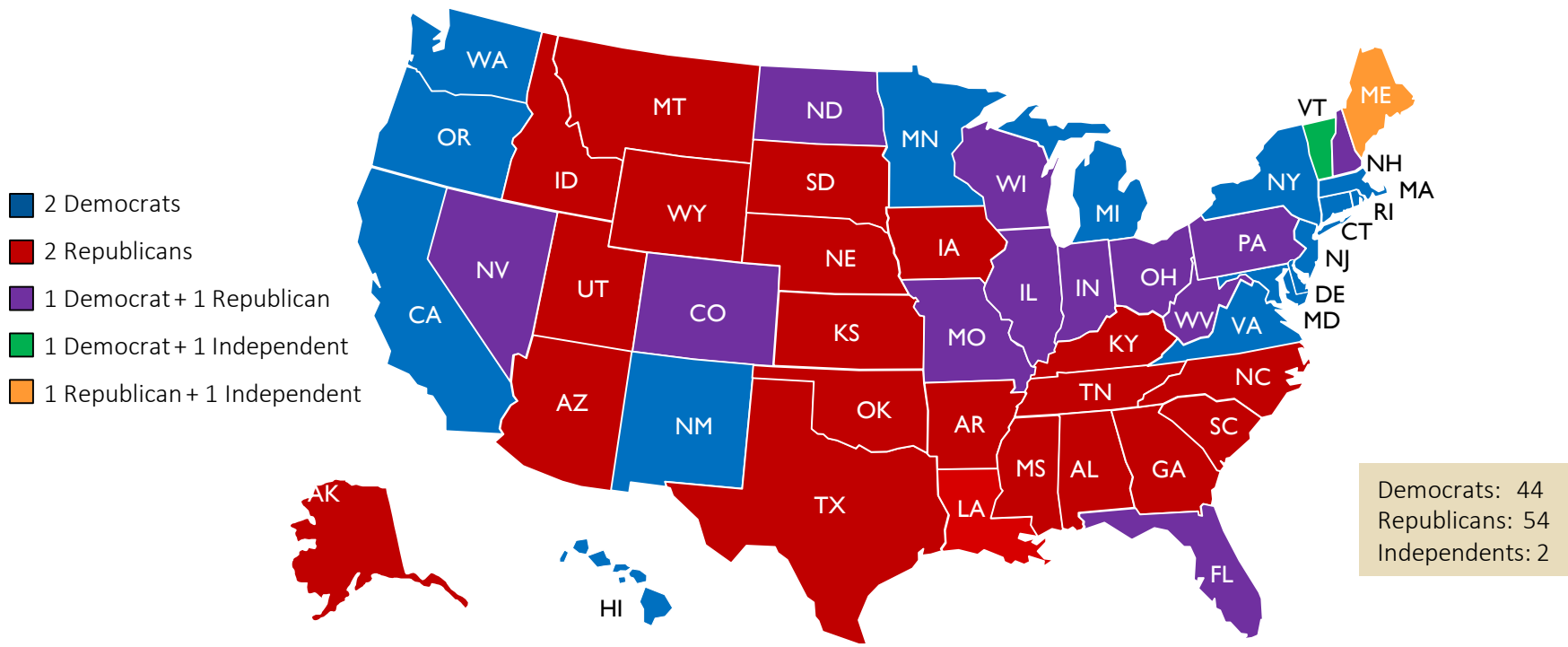


# In 2014, Republicans won a solid majority in the US Senate

Composition of the 114<sup>th</sup> Senate (2015-2017)



Analysis

- Having won most of 2014’s competitive races, Republicans secured 54 Senate seats, flipping the Senate from blue to red
- A GOP win in Louisiana was announced on December 6, 2014
- Since Republicans expanded their majority to 54 seats, they had an easier time passing legislation in the Senate because they needed fewer Democratic defections to overcome filibusters (which require a 60 vote supermajority)

Source: National Journal Research; CNN Election Center; Associated Press; NBC News.