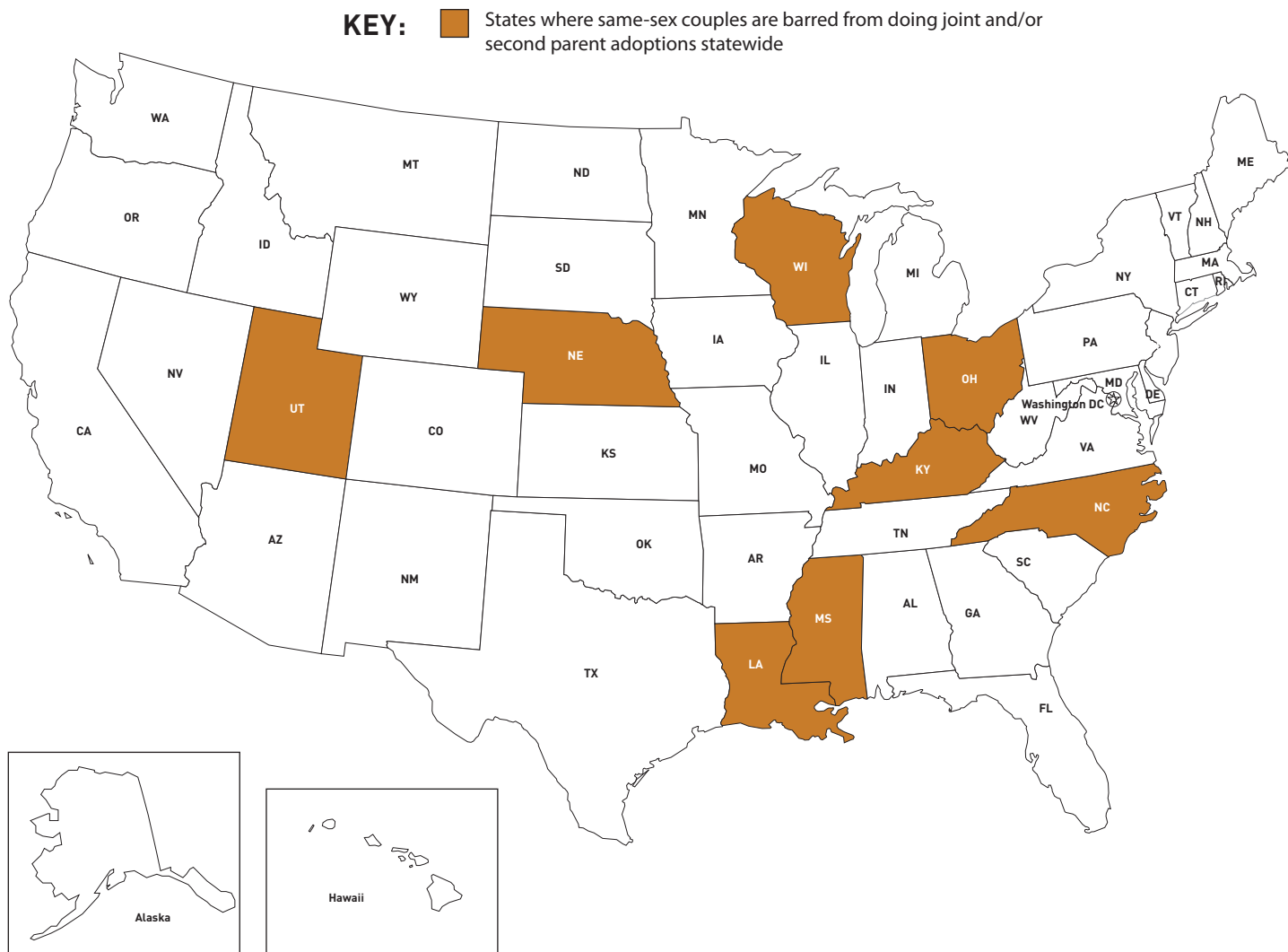


States where same-sex couples are barred from getting joint and/or second parent adoptions statewide¹



Kentucky: *S.J.L.S. v. T.L.S.*, 265 S.W.3d 804 (Ky. Ct. App. 2008)(barring second parent adoption).

Louisiana: *Adoption of Meaux*, 417 so.2d 522 (La.App.1982)(barring joint adoption by unmarried couples).

Mississippi: Law enacted in 2000 provides: "Adoption by couples of the same gender is prohibited." Miss. Code § 93-17-3(5).

Nebraska: *In re Adoption of Luke*, 640 N.W.2d 374 (Neb. 2002)(barring second parent adoption).

North Carolina: *Boseman v. Jarrell*, 704 S.E.2d 494 (N.C. 2010)(barring second parent adoption); N.C. Gen. Stat. § 48-2-301 (prohibiting joint adoption by unmarried couples).

Ohio: *Adoption of Jane Doe*, 719 N.E.2d 1071 (Ohio Ct. App. 1998)(barring second parent adoption).

Utah: Law enacted in 2000 provides: "A child may not be adopted by a person who is cohabiting in a relationship that is not a legally valid and binding marriage under the laws of this state." Utah Code Ann. § 78B-6-117(3), see also § 62A-4a-602 (cohabitation prohibition applies to foster parents).

Wisconsin: *Interest of Angel Lace M.*, 516 N.W.2d 678 (Wis. 1994)(barring second parent adoption).

¹ This map includes only states that have clearly established law that joint and/or second parent adoption by unmarried couples are barred statewide. In states in which there is no law or appellate court decision either barring or permitting joint or second parent adoption statewide, such adoptions may or may not be available in some family courts.