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Your guide to the Washington State **November 3rd** general election.



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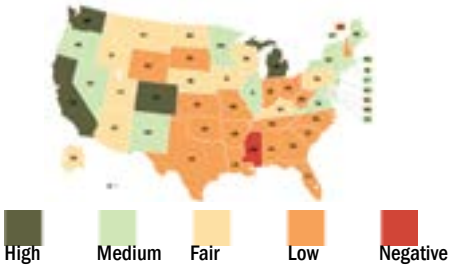

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- Start of 18-day voting period.
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- Call the Sec'y of State if you would like to receive your ballot earlier than October 16th.

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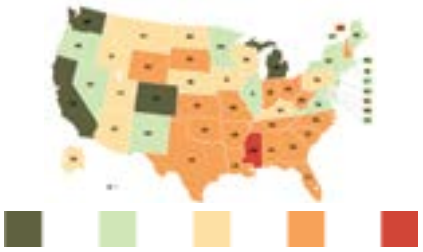

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