

50 State Forfeiture Summary Chart

Note: This chart is simply a starting point. Laws change, local rules often apply, and judges interpret and apply laws differently. Verify all information before writing a bond in any state. Lexington National accepts no liability for the accuracy of the information in this chart.

STATE	FORFEITURE TIME	REMISSION PERIOD	REMISSION AMOUNT	OTHER
Alabama	28 days	180 days	Court's discretion	
Alaska	30 days	1 year	Court's discretion	
Arizona	"Reasonable time" not to exceed 120; usually 30 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	Must be licensed in AZ to do fugitive recovery
Arkansas	120 days (75 days Cir. Ct.)			\$10 bond administration fee
California	180 days (plus additional 180 days for good cause)	None	None	
Colorado	45 days	1 year	100% less court costs	
Connecticut	187 days = 50% of bond amount 210 days = 100% of bond amount	None if 50% paid		
Delaware	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
Washington, D.C.	Immediate	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
Florida	60 days	2 years	Up to 95% within 90 days; up to 50% within 2 years	Must pay forfeiture before judgment entered to get remission
Georgia	120 days	2 years	50%	
Hawaii	30 days			
Idaho	90 days	None	None	
Illinois	No corporate bail			
Indiana	120 days - 0% 180 days - 20%	None	None	100% premium must be collected before bond posted
	210 days - 30% 240 days - 50%			
	365 days - 80% 366 days - 100%			
Iowa	10 days	60 days	Court's discretion	
Kansas	10 days, but extension at court's discretion	None	None	
Kentucky	No corporate bail			
Louisiana	180 days	None	None	2% tax must be paid when bond posted
Maine	30 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	Very little commercial bail
Maryland	90 days (plus 90-day extension)	10 years	100% less court costs	Must pay forfeiture before judgment entered to get remission
Massachusetts	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
Michigan	45 days	1 year	Court's discretion	Clerk must send notice of FTA to surety within 7 days
Minnesota	90 days			
Mississippi	90 days	1 year	Court's discretion	
Missouri	Immediate or 180 days	Court's discretion	100% less court costs	
Montana	90 days			
Nebraska	10 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
Nevada	180 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
New Hampshire	30 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
New Jersey	75 days	4 years	Court's discretion, per guidelines	Costs due on all FTA's
New Mexico	30 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
New York	30 days	1 year	Court's discretion	
North Carolina	150 days	Court's discretion	Surety must show extraordinary circumstances	Forfeiture payments are given to County School Board

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North Dakota	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	At least 50% within 6 months; no more than 95% after 6 months	
Ohio	45-60 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion (up to 90%)	Clerk must send notice of FTA within 15 days
Oklahoma	90 days	1 year	100%	Forfeiture must be paid before judgment entered to get remission
Oregon	No commercial bail			
Pennsylvania	90 days	2 years after FTA	100% - \$250 within 3 months 80% between 3 months and 9 months 50% between 9 months and 21 months	Must pay forfeiture by 91 st day to get remission
Rhode Island	Immediately			
South Carolina	90 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	Court may allow judgment to be paid in installments over 6 months, with payments ending if fugitive returned to custody
South Dakota	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	
Tennessee	180 days	Court's discretion	Up to 90%	
Texas	6 months – Misdemeanor 9 months - Felony	2 years	Court's discretion	
Utah	180 days			
Vermont	30 days			
Virginia	60 days	1 year	100% less court costs	
Washington	60 days			
West Virginia	10 days	2 years	100% less court costs	
Wisconsin	No commercial bail			
Wyoming	30 days	Court's discretion	Court's discretion	