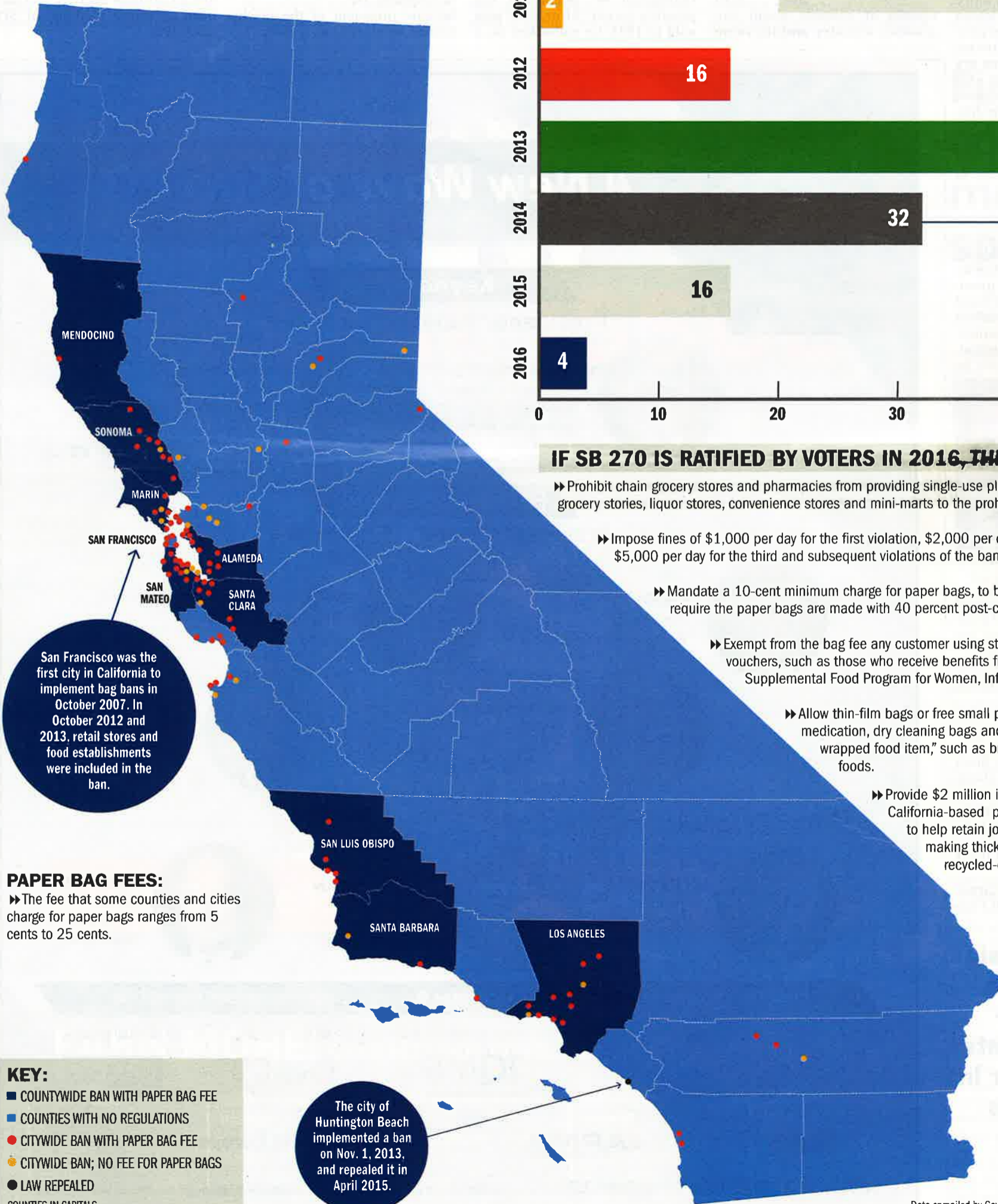


CALIFORNIA'S PATCHWORK OF LAWS

Since 2007, individual cities and counties in California have implemented a wide variety of plastic bag ban laws. In total, 129 different laws are on the books, with a vast majority of them concentrated on the Pacific coast.



San Francisco was the first city in California to implement bag bans in October 2007. In October 2012 and 2013, retail stores and food establishments were included in the ban.

PAPER BAG FEES:

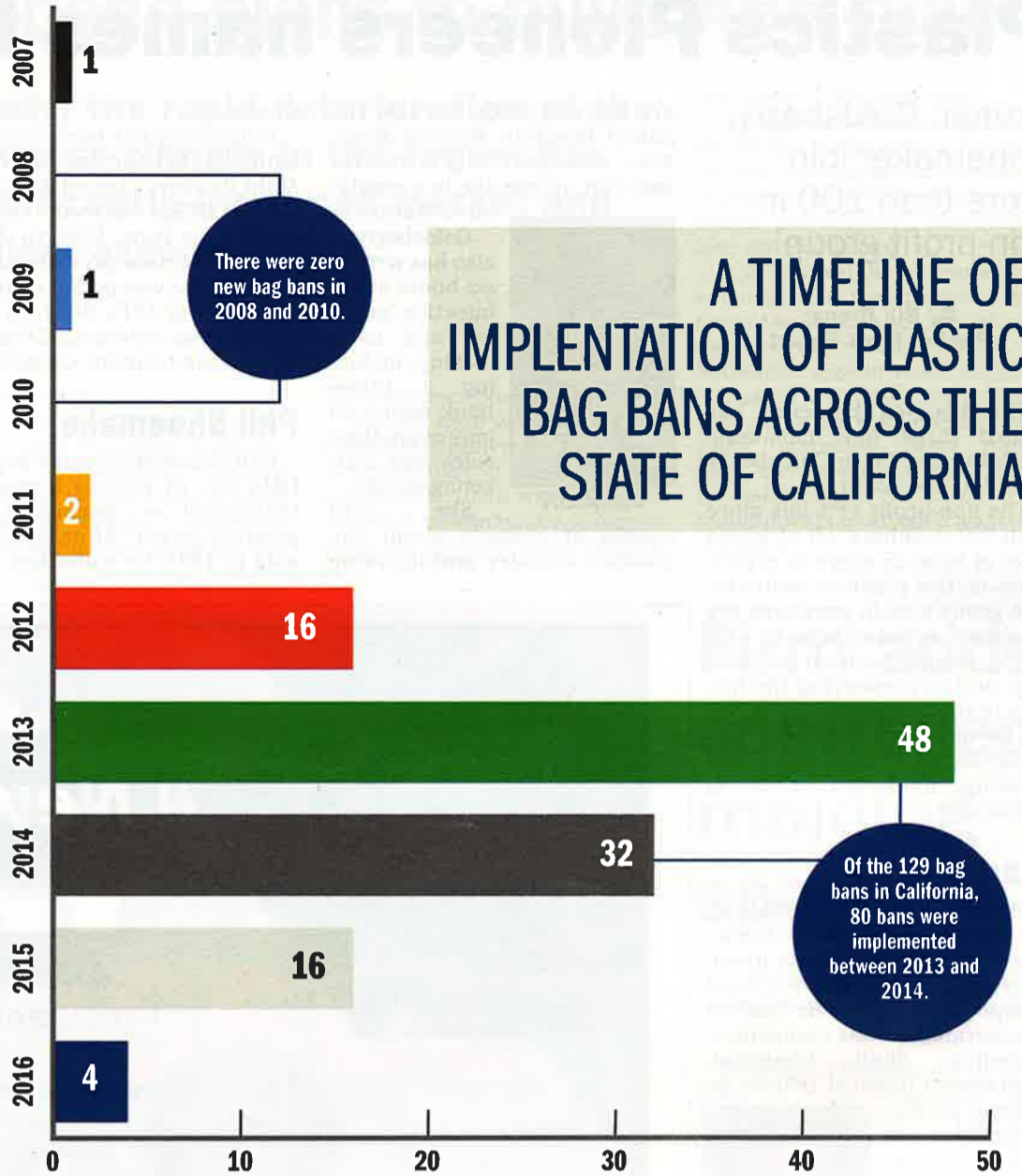
▶▶ The fee that some counties and cities charge for paper bags ranges from 5 cents to 25 cents.

KEY:

- COUNTYWIDE BAN WITH PAPER BAG FEE
- COUNTIES WITH NO REGULATIONS
- CITYWIDE BAN WITH PAPER BAG FEE
- CITYWIDE BAN; NO FEE FOR PAPER BAGS
- LAW REPEALED
- COUNTIES IN CAPITALS

The city of Huntington Beach implemented a ban on Nov. 1, 2013, and repealed it in April 2015.

A TIMELINE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PLASTIC BAG BANS ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



IF SB 270 IS RATIFIED BY VOTERS IN 2016, THE LAW WOULD:

- ▶▶ Prohibit chain grocery stores and pharmacies from providing single-use plastic bags and add small grocery stores, liquor stores, convenience stores and mini-marts to the prohibition one year later.
- ▶▶ Impose fines of \$1,000 per day for the first violation, \$2,000 per day for the second and \$5,000 per day for the third and subsequent violations of the ban.
- ▶▶ Mandate a 10-cent minimum charge for paper bags, to be paid to the store and require the paper bags are made with 40 percent post-consumer recycled content.
- ▶▶ Exempt from the bag fee any customer using state payment cards or vouchers, such as those who receive benefits from the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children.
- ▶▶ Allow thin-film bags or free small paper bags for prescription medication, dry cleaning bags and any bag "to contain an wrapped food item," such as bread, meat, produce or foods.
- ▶▶ Provide \$2 million in loans from the state to California-based plastic bag manufacturers to help retain jobs and transition to making thicker, multi-use, recycled-content plastic bags.