states, States, and the United States

Definitions:

**state** *(n, lowercase):* A people permanently occupying a fixed territory bound together by common-law habits and custom into one body politic exercising through the medium of an organized government and independent sovereignty. | One of the component commonwealths or states of the United States of America Black’s Law 4th, pg 1578

**commonwealth:** The public or common wealth or welfare. This cannot be regarded as a technical term of public law, though often used in political science. It is generally designates when so employed a republican frame of government, one which the welfare and rights of an entire mass of people are the main consideration. Black’s Law 4th, pg 348

**The United States of America**: Confederacy of states, assembled through their individual legislatures, or their States. Articles of Confederation, Article 2.

**State of\_\_\_\_\_:** The government, commonwealth, or legislature of each state, de jure.

**STATE OF\_\_\_\_\_:** Corporate state legislature, de facto. All commerce is regulated by the United States Article 1.8.3.

**United States:** A separate thing created by the constitution and consists of representatives from each state, determined by the State Of. It is distinctly separate from the states. The federal government.