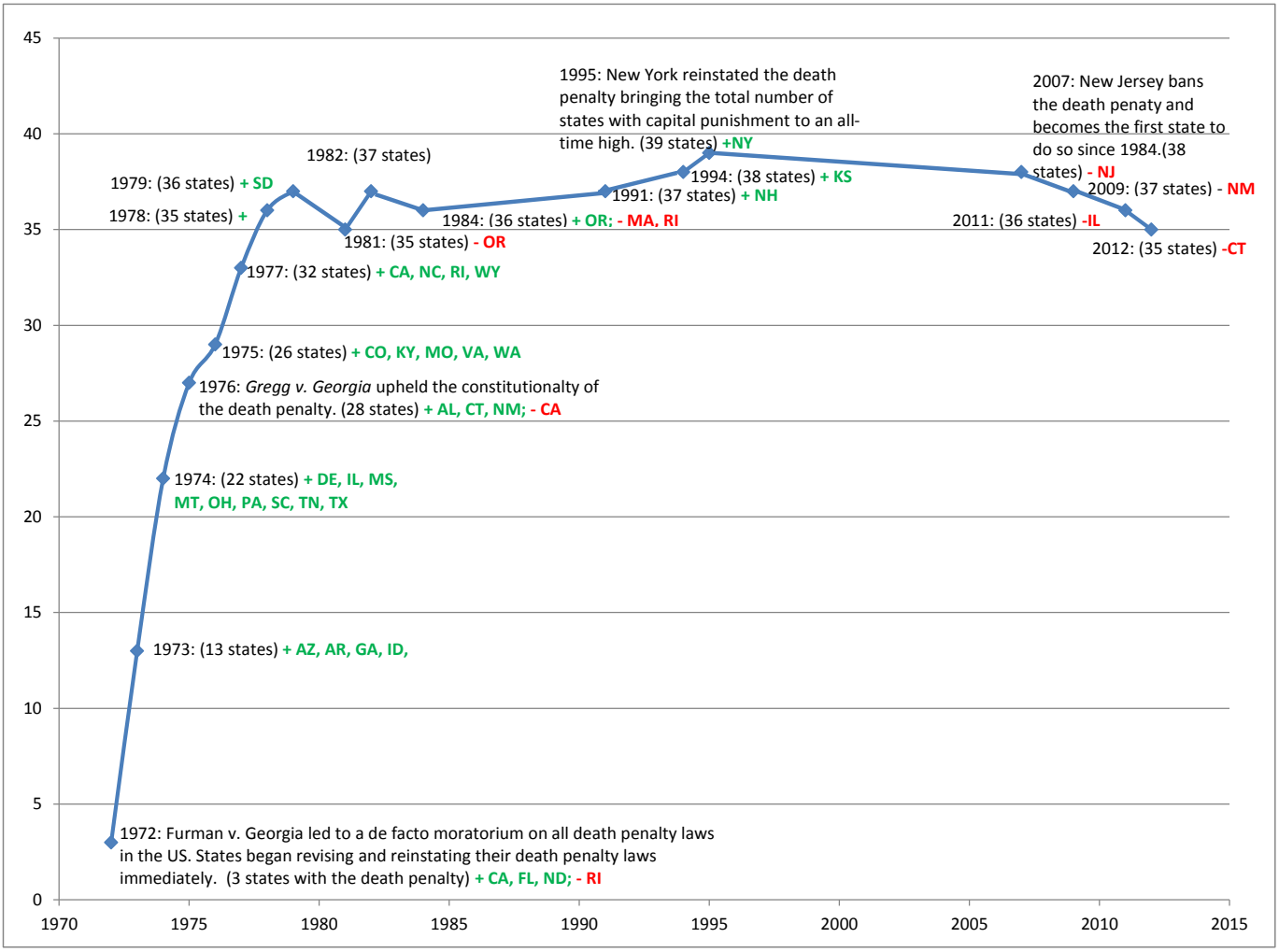
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1972: Furman v. Georgia led to a de facto moratorium on all death penalty laws in the US. States began revising and reinstating their death penalty laws immediately. (3 states with the death penalty) + CA, FL, ND; - RI
1973: (13 states) + AZ, AR, GA, ID,
1974: (22 states) + DE, IL, MS, MT, OH, PA, SC, TN, TX
1976: Gregg v. Georgia upheld the constitutionalty of the death penalty. (28 states) + AL, CT, NM; - CA
1975: (26 states) + CO, KY, MO, VA, WA
1977: (32 states) + CA, NC, RI, WY
1978: (35 states) +
1979: (36 states) + SD
1981: (35 states) - OR
1982: (37 states)
1984: (36 states) + OR; - MA, RI
1991: (37 states) + NH
1994: (38 states) + KS
1995: New York reinstated the death penalty bringing the total number of states with capital punishment to an all-time high. (39 states) +NY
2007: New Jersey bans the death penaty and becomes the first state to do so since 1984.(38 states) - NJ
2009: (37 states) - NM
2011: (36 states) -IL
2012: (35 states) -CT