

## TREND: State Legislators are Largely Rejecting State Preemption Bills that Prohibit Local Governments from Adopting Pit Bull Laws

### 5-Year Trend: January 2012 to December 20, 2016

In 2012, a new wave of state preemption bills barring cities and counties from enacting breed-specific laws began being pushed by Utah-based fighting dog advocates, Best Friends Animal Society, and dog breeder interest groups. Since January 2012, state legislators have rejected 77% (23) of these preemption bills. Over the last 2-years, Jan. 2015 to Dec. 2016, the rejection rate increased to 94%.

Year	State	Pass	Fail
2016	Arizona <sup>†</sup>	X	
	Delaware		X
	Idaho		X
	Georgia		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Kentucky		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Michigan		X
	Missouri		X
	Washington		X
	West Virginia		X
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Session attempts</b>		<b>11%</b>	<b>89%</b>

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<sup>‡</sup>Indicates two separate preemption bills were introduced during the legislative session and both failed.

2-Year Total (2015 through Dec. 2016)	Pass	Fail
16 Session attempts	1	15
	6%	94%

5-Year Total (2012 through Dec. 2016)	Pass	Fail
30 Session attempts	7	23
	23%	77%

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2016	Arizona <sup>‡</sup>	X	
	Delaware		X
	Idaho		X
	Georgia		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Kentucky		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Michigan		X
	Missouri		X
	Washington		X
	West Virginia		X
<b>2016 total:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
2015	Arizona		X
	Georgia		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Kentucky		X
	Michigan		X
	Montana		X
	North Carolina		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Washington		X
<b>2015 total:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
2014	Georgia		X
<i>Grassroots efforts, fighting these bills, began in 2014</i>	Maryland		X <sup>‡</sup>
	Missouri		X
	South Dakota	X	
	Utah	X	
	Vermont		X
	Washington		X
<b>2014 total:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
2013	Connecticut	X	
	Nevada	X	
	New Mexico		X
	Rhode Island	X	
	West Virginia		X
<b>2013 total:</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
2012	Idaho		X
	Massachusetts	X	
<b>2012 total:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>

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### **End notes - Failed & carry over bills**

- 2016 - Delaware HB 472 (Rep. Charles Potter)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/DE/bill/HB427/2015>
- 2016 - Idaho HB 470 (Rep. Mike Moyle)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/ID/bill/H0470/2016>
- 2016 - Georgia SB 184 (Sen. Ellis Black), HB 124 (Rep. John Yates)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/SB184/2015>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB124/2015>
- 2016 - Kentucky SB 116 (Sen. Paul Hornback), HB 510 (Rep. Tom Riner)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/SB116/2016>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/HB510/2016>
- 2016 - Michigan SB 239 (Sen. David Robertson)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MI/bill/SB0239/2015>
- 2016 - Missouri HB 1811 (Sen. Rep. Ronald Hicks)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB1811/2016>
- 2016 - Washington HB 1018 and its substitute (Rep. Sherry Appleton)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1018/2015>
- 2016 - West Virginia HB 4508 (Del. Pat McGeehan)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WV/bill/HB4508/2016>
- 2015 - Arizona SB 1292 (Sen. Steve Smith)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/AZ/bill/SB1292/2015>
- 2015 - Georgia SB 184 (Sen. Ellis Black), HB 124 (Rep. John Yates) - Carry over  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/SB184/2015>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB124/2015>
- 2015 - Kentucky SB 124 (Sen. Tom Buford)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/SB124/2015>
- 2015 - Michigan SB 239 (Sen. David Robertson) - Carry over  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MI/bill/SB0239/2015>
- 2015 - Montana SB 239 (Sen. Douglas Kary)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MT/bill/SB239/2015>
- 2015 - North Carolina HB 751 (Rep. Michael Wray), HB 271 (Rep. Rodney Moore)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H751/2015>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H271/2015>
- 2015 - Washington HB 1018 (Rep. Sherry Appleton) - Carry over  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1018/2015>
- 2014 - Georgia HB 409 (Rep. David Knight)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB409/2014>
- 2014 - Maryland HB 422 (Rep. Shelia Hixon), SB 991 (Sen. Nancy King)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB422/2014>  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/SB991/2014>
- 2014 - Missouri HB 1116 (Rep. Ronald Hicks)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB1116/2014>
- 2014 - Vermont HB 775 (Rep. Dave Potter)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/HB775/2014>
- 2014 - Washington HB 2117 (Rep. Sherry Appleton)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB2117/2014>
- 2013 - New Mexico HB 63 (Rep. Yvette Herrell)  
URL: <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB63/2013>
- 2013 - West Virginia SB 608 (Sen. Chris Walters)  
URL: <http://bit.ly/SB608wv>
- 2012 - Idaho SB 1302 (Sen. Tim Corder)  
URL: <http://bit.ly/SB1302id>