

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

### 11 Year Trend: January 2012 to December 15, 2022

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 85% (50) of these preemption bills. Over the last 5 years, Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2022, the rejection rate increased to 96%.

YEAR	STATE	PASS	FAIL
2022	Florida§		X
	Indiana		X
	Iowa§		X
	Missouri§		X
	New Jersey		X
	Tennessee§		X
	West Virginia		X
<b>Total</b>			
7 Session attempts			

§Indicates two or more separate preemption bills were introduced during the session and each bill failed.

5-Year Total (Jan. 2018 through Dec. 15, 2022)	PASS	FAIL
24 Session attempts	1	23
	4%	96%

11-Year Total (Jan. 2012 through Dec. 15, 2022)	PASS	FAIL
59 Session attempts	9	50
	15%	85%

## January 2012 to December 15, 2022

YEAR	STATE	PASS	FAIL
2022	Florida§		X
	Indiana		X
	Iowa§		X
	Missouri§		X
	New Jersey		X
	Tennessee		X
	West Virginia		X
	<b>2022 total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
2021	Iowa§		X
	Kentucky		X
	Mississippi		X
	Missouri§		X
	<b>2021 total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
2020	Kentucky		X
	Michigan		X
	Missouri§‡		X
	Washington		X
	<b>2020 total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
2019	Michigan§		X
	Missouri§		X
	Washington†	X	
	<b>2019 total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
2018	Colorado		X
	Michigan§		X
	Missouri§		X
	Vermont		X
	Washington§		X
	West Virginia		X
	<b>2018 total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
2017	Delaware	X	
	Missouri§		X
	Vermont		X
	Washington§		X
	West Virginia		X
	<b>2017 total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
2016	Arizona◊	X	
	Delaware		X
	Idaho		X

	Georgia§		X
	Kentucky§		X
	Michigan		X
	Missouri		X
	Washington		X
	West Virginia		X
	<b>2016 total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2015</b>	Arizona		X
	Georgia§		X
	Kentucky		X
	Michigan		X
	Montana		X
	North Carolina§		X
	Washington		X
	<b>2015 total:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2014</b>	Georgia		X
	Maryland§		X
	Missouri§		X
<i>Grassroots efforts to fight these bills began in 2014</i>	South Dakota	X	
	Utah	X	
	Vermont		X
	Washington		X
	<b>2014 total:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2013</b>	Connecticut	X	
	Nevada	X	
	New Mexico		X
	Rhode Island	X	
	West Virginia		X
	<b>2013 total:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2012</b>	Idaho		X
	Massachusetts	X	
	<b>2012 total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>50</b>

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‡Indicates bill was also added to 6 separate omnibus bills that failed to pass the House Chamber.

†The Washington state law is a mandatory “exemption” law. Jurisdictions can enact and enforce breed-specific laws, as long as a city or county maintains a “reasonable process for exempting any dog from breed-based regulations or a breed ban if the dog passes the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen test” or its equivalent.

‡Hidden in a preemption bill that banned local puppy mill ordinances, authored by Best Friends Animal Society.