

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

6.5 Year Trend: January 2012 to May 18, 2018

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 80% (32) of these preemption bills. Over the last 3.5 years, Jan. 2015 to May. 2017, the rejection rate increased to 92%.

| Year | State | Pass | Fail |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2018 | Colorado | | X |
| | Michigan - <i>Active Bill</i> | | |
| | Missouri | | X _‡ |
| | Vermont | | X |
| | Washington | | X _‡ |
| | West Virginia | | X |
| Total | | 0 | 5 |
| 6 Session attempts | | 0% | 100% |

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

| 3.5-Year Total (2015 through May 18, 2018) | Pass | Fail |
|--|-----------|------------|
| 26 Session attempts | 2 | 24 |
| | 8% | 92% |

| 6.5-Year Total (2012 through May 18, 2018) | Pass | Fail |
|--|------------|------------|
| 40 Session attempts | 8 | 32 |
| | 20% | 80% |

January 2012 to May 18, 2018

| Year | State | Pass | Fail |
|------|--|----------------|----------------|
| 2018 | Colorado | | X |
| | Michigan - <i>Active Bill</i> | | |
| | Missouri | | X ₊ |
| | Vermont | | X |
| | Washington | | X ₊ |
| | West Virginia | | X |
| | 2018 total: | 0 | 5 |
| 2017 | Delaware | X | |
| | Missouri | | X ₊ |
| | Vermont | | X |
| | Washington | | X ₊ |
| | West Virginia | | X |
| | 2017 total: | 1 | 4 |
| 2016 | Arizona | X ₊ | |
| | Delaware | | X |
| | Idaho | | X |
| | Georgia | | X ₊ |
| | Kentucky | | X ₊ |
| | Michigan | | X |
| | Missouri | | X |
| | Washington | | X |
| | West Virginia | | X |
| | 2016 total: | 1 | 8 |
| 2015 | Arizona | | X |
| | Georgia | | X ₊ |
| | Kentucky | | X |
| | Michigan | | X |
| | Montana | | X |
| | North Carolina | | X ₊ |
| | Washington | | X |
| | 2015 total: | 0 | 7 |
| 2014 | Georgia | | X |
| | Maryland | | X ₊ |
| | Missouri | | X ₊ |
| | South Dakota | X | |
| | Utah | X | |
| | Vermont | | X |
| | <i>Grassroots efforts, fighting these bills, began in 2014</i> | | |

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|------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| | Washington | | X |
| | 2014 total: | 2 | 5 |
| 2013 | Connecticut | X | |
| | Nevada | X | |
| | New Mexico | | X |
| | Rhode Island | X | |
| | West Virginia | | X |
| | 2013 total: | 3 | 2 |
| 2012 | Idaho | | X |
| | Massachusetts | X | |
| | 2012 total: | 1 | 1 |
| | Total | 8 | 32 |

†Hidden in a preemption bill that banned local puppy mill ordinances, penned by Best Friends.

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End notes - Failed & carry over bills

- 2018 - Missouri HB 1398 (Rep. Bruce DeGroot)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB1398/2018>
- 2018 - Missouri SB 1069 (Sen. Crawford)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/SB1069/2018>
- 2018 - Washington SB 5094 (Sen. Guy Palumbo)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/SB5094/2017>
- 2018 - Washington HB 1090 (Rep. Sherry Appleton)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1090/2017>
- 2018 - Colorado HB 18-1126 (Rep. Rosenthal)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/CO/bill/HB1126/2018>
- 2018 - West Virginia HB 2168 (Rep. Pat McGeehan)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WV/bill/HB2168/2017>
- 2018 - Vermont HB 416 (Rep. Jean O'Sullivan)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0416/2017>
- 2017 - Missouri SB 114 (Sen. Dave Schatz)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/SB114/2017>
- 2017 - Missouri HB 905 (Rep. Bill DeGroot)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB905/2017>
- 2017 - Missouri SB 446 (Sen. Caleb Rowden)
URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/SB446/2017>
- 2017 - Vermont HB 416 (Rep. Jean O'Sullivan) - Carry over
URL: <https://legiscan.com/VT/bill/H0416/2017>
- 2017 - Washington SB 5094 (Sen. Guy Palumbo) - Carry over
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/SB5094/2017>
- 2017 - Washington HB 1090 (Rep. Sherry Appleton) - Carry over
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HB1090/2017>
- 2017 - West Virginia HB 2168 (Rep. Pat McGeehan) - Carry over
URL: <https://legiscan.com/WV/bill/HB2168/2017>
- 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)
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/KY/bill/SB116/2016>
 2016 - Kentucky HB 510 (Rep. Tom Riner)
 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) - Carry over
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/SB184/2015>
 2015 - Georgia HB 124 (Rep. John Yates) - Carry over
 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),
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/NC/bill/H751/2015>
 2015 - North Carolina HB 271 (Rep. Rodney Moore)
 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)
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB422/2014>
 2014 - Maryland SB 991 (Sen. Nancy King)
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/SB991/2014>
 2014 - Missouri HB 1116 (Rep. Ronald Hicks)
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/HB1116/2014>
 2014 - Missouri SB 865 (Sen. Brian Nieves)
 URL: <https://legiscan.com/MO/bill/SB865/2014>
 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>