

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

5.5 Year Trend: January 2012 to June 3, 2017

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% (27) of these preemption bills. Over the last 2.5 years, Jan. 2015 to June 2017, the rejection rate increased to 90%.

Year	State	Pass	Fail
2017	Delaware	X	
	Missouri‡		X
	Vermont		X
	Washington‡		X
	West Virginia		X
Total		1	4
5 Session attempts		20%	80%

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

2.5-Year Total (2015 through May 20, 2017)	Pass	Fail
21 Session attempts	2	19
	10%	90%

5.5-Year Total (2012 through May 20, 2017)	Pass	Fail
35 Session attempts	8	27
	23%	77%

January 2012 to May 20, 2017

Year	State	Pass	Fail
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 [†]
<i>Grassroots efforts, fighting these bills, began in 2014</i>	Missouri		X [†]
	South Dakota	X	
	Utah	X	
	Vermont		X
	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	7	23

‡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

- 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. Charles Potter) - 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)
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), 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 - 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>