

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

### 6 Year Trend: January 2012 to December 31, 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 3 years, Jan. 2015 to Dec. 2017, the rejection rate increased to 90%.

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

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

<b>3-Year Total (2015 through Dec. 31, 2017)</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
21 Session attempts	2	19
	<b>10%</b>	<b>90%</b>

<b>6-Year Total (2012 through Dec 31, 2017)</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>
35 Session attempts	8	27
	<b>23%</b>	<b>77%</b>

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2017	Delaware	X		
	Missouri <sup>†</sup>		X	
	Vermont		X	
	Washington <sup>†</sup>		X	
	West Virginia		X	
2017 total:		1	4	
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	
2016 total:		1	8	
2015	Arizona		X	
	Georgia		X <sup>†</sup>	
	Kentucky		X	
	Michigan		X	
	Montana		X	
	North Carolina		X <sup>†</sup>	
	Washington		X	
2015 total:		0	7	
2014	Georgia		X	
	Maryland		X <sup>†</sup>	
<i>Grassroots efforts, fighting these bills, began in 2014</i>	Missouri		X <sup>†</sup>	
	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>

‡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>*