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The Biggest Issues for States to Watch in 2018.

Even though it's an election year, these policies and problems are too important and timely for legislatures to ignore.

Nothing big happens in election years. At least, that's the conventional wisdom on legislative action in many state capitols.

And in a year when 36 states will choose governors and 44 will elect state lawmakers, that feeling is understandable. Political paralysis in Congress is also keeping many states in a holding pattern, as their officials try to judge how best to react to potential changes from Washington.

But many state issues are simply too important or too timely to wait. Here are a few that will likely draw a lot of attention this year.

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