

## 2017 Legislative Summary

*The 53<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Legislative Session adjourned Sine Die at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Session ran a total of 122 days. 1,079 bills were introduced this year, a 13.47% percent decrease over 2016. Of those bills, 353 were passed by the legislature and the governor signed 342 bills and vetoed 11 bills.*

The Arizona Legislature wrapped up Sine Die last week and Arizona's 46,000 REALTORS® achieved every policy goal they set out for in the 2017 legislative session. The Arizona REALTORS® Government Affairs staff and the Legislative Committee had 1,079 bills to review this session.

Leveraging their strong influence throughout the state, REALTORS® once again protected the Homeowner's Rebate that many Arizona families rely on, blocked tax cuts that would have disproportionately shifted a greater fiscal burden onto homeowners, and shielded REALTORS® from a professional service tax.

Arizona REALTORS® proactively supported legislative solutions for four issues, all of which were passed by the House and Senate and signed by Governor Doug Ducey long before the end of session. Those issues are:

### **HB 2067: Real Estate Licensing; Applicability; Exemption**

Permits real estate salespersons to hire assistants who are not licensed real estate agents.

*What This Victory Means for You...*

Establishes real estate licensing regulations do not apply to unlicensed persons in the employ of a real estate licensee to perform clerical, bookkeeping, accounting and other administrative and support duties.

### **HB 2072: Manufactured Homes; Real Estate Transactions**

Empowers REALTORS® to engage in mobile home transactions.

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Authorizes real estate brokers and salespersons licensed by ADRE to sell manufactured homes and mobile homes located in a mobile home park. The bill further requires ADRE licensees and Arizona Department of Housing Division licensees to abide by their respective licensing requirements for submitting paperwork and filings upon the completion of a sale.

### **HB 2088: Incorporation; Urbanized Areas**

Allows residents to initiate municipal incorporation by petition.

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Requires the county board of supervisors to take action on the petition to incorporate an area as a municipality without a resolution approving the incorporation from the nearby municipalities if the area has a population of 15,000 or more persons and that population is more than the population of any adjacent municipality that opposes the proposed incorporation.

**HB 2237: Forcible Entry; Detainer; Prohibited Rules**

Prohibits state agencies and courts from creating mandatory forms.

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Prohibits a state agency or court from adopting or enforcing a rule or policy that requires a mandatory or technical form for providing notice or for pleadings in an action for forcible entry or forcible or special detainer. The form of any notice or pleading that meets statutory requirements for content and formatting of a notice or pleading is sufficient to provide notice and pursue an action for forcible entry or forcible or special detainer.

Success like this is a team effort, and members of the Legislative Committee have worked many hours to review and prepare legislation, as well as respond to countless issues that pop up during a legislative session.

Committee Chair Eric Gibbs Sr. served alongside Bryan Anderson, Sharon Applewhite, Kevin Beasley, Lori Doerfler, Holly Eslinger, Sue Flucke, Evan Fuchs, Harriet Fusco, Douglas Groppenbacher, D. Patrick Lewis, Margaret Lindsay, Holly Mabery, Blanca Melgoza, Christopher Paris, Steven Redmond, Mary Roberts, Matias Rosales, Wyatt Saul, Paula Serven, Lisa Suarez and Duane Washkowiak.

The committee was also the first Arizona REALTORS® committee to reach 100-percent participation in the REALTORS® of Arizona Political Action Committee (RAPAC), confirming their commitment to the continued success of fellow REALTOR® members as well as homeowners across the state.