

ARIZONA REALTORS® LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

We are over a month into the legislative session and the number of introduced bills has jumped to over 1700, with 19 bills passed, one signed into law, and no bills vetoed. Many members continue to attend committee meetings and floor session virtually, and because we have not seen any slowdown of business, we are optimistic that this session will continue to move at its usual pace.

Over the past week, the Capitol chatter has been largely focused on two issues: the legislature's effort to audit Maricopa County November election results and efforts to allow sports betting in Arizona, the latter being a key revenue stream for policymakers that hope to accomplish tax reform this year.

So, what are the REALTORS® doing for you? Through [HB2085](#) (Chaplik), the Arizona REALTORS® have already passed legislation with near-unanimous support, to allow rent collection by unlicensed staff; additionally, this legislation fortifies licensure requirements for out-of-state licensees moving to Arizona by ensuring they take an exam specific to Arizona Real Estate Laws. This legislation was a victim of last year's shortened session and now sits ready to be signed into law. Another initiative the Arizona REALTOR® are working on is the establishment of a REALTOR® Specialty License Plate via [SB1310](#) (Shope). The specialty plate is available strictly to REALTORS® and will direct profits to affordable housing efforts in the state. The REALTORS® are also supporting [SB1327](#) (Gowan) and [HB2562](#) (Cobb), which seeks to establish an affordable housing tax credit to spur development. Both bills have passed through committee with little opposition. On the defensive front, the REALTORS® have engaged on bills ranging from license fees to rulemaking, all while monitoring bills around short-term rentals and evictions to ensure that our core principles are protected.

Lastly, as you may have heard, Representative Arlando Teller (LD7), a strong advocate for REALTOR® Party Issues, resigned on February 1st after accepting a position with the US Department of Transportation as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Tribal Affairs. The Apache County Supervisors appointed Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren as his replacement. Blackwater-Nygren, 25, of Red Mesa, is a Stanford University graduate who has a law degree from ASU. She was sworn into office on February 10th and we look forward to working with Representative Blackwater-Nygren to advance and defend REALTOR® Party issues.

SESSION SUMMARY AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Day of Session: 32
Bills Posted: 1707
Bills Passed: 28
Bills Vetoed: 0
Bills Signed: 5
Mem, Res Posted: 113
Mem, Res Passed: 0

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- **2/19:** Last day for House bills to heard in House committees and Senate Bills in Senate Committees.
- **3/26:** Last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills.

BILLS TO WATCH NEXT WEEK

- **HB2128** *State Licensing; Fee Waiver* in House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee
- **HB2507** *Landlords; Deceased Tenants; Pets* in House Commerce Committee
- **HB2759** *Rulemaking; Petitions; GRRC* in House Government & Elections Committee