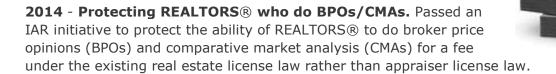
## How RPAC has helped out.



- **2014 No fire sprinkler mandate by rule.** After a proactive legislative effort to prohibit the State Fire Marshal from imposing a sprinkler mandate by administrative rule, the Fire Marshal formally pledged to work within the General Assembly on any new fire sprinkler laws.
- **2014 Disclosures for commercial leases stalled.** Stopped an effort to impose new and uncessary dislosure requirements for commercial leases.
- **2014 Financing manufactured homes now easier.** Helped pass a law to establish a voluntary formal method for legally converting a manufactured home to real property when it is or will be permanently affixed to land.
- **2013 Fees on for-sale signs.** IAR-supported law insures that REALTORS® will NOT be subject to new fees and state regulation on for-sale signs near interstate highways.
- **2013 Limits on retainage.** Defeated a bill to impose limits on the amount of retainage (money held back until completion of services) in commercial construction contracts.
- **2013 Statewide fire sprinkler mandate.** Stopped a far-reaching statewide mandate proposed by the Illinois Fire Marshal that would have required costly fire sprinkler retrofits in existing properties and new construction. REALTORS® believe fire sprinklers should a choice, not a mandate.
- **2012 Multi-family dwelling annual license fee.** Stopped a bill allowing all municipalities to license and regulate the use and operation of multifamily dwelling units and to charge an annual license fee.
- **2012 Business registration fee.** Stopped a bill allowing all Illinois municipalities to enforce a business registration process charging up to \$200 penalty for failure to register.
- **2012 Landlord rights.** A perennial issue, in this example RPAC helped stop legislation that would have put land

lords at risk of losing their property due to the actions of their tenants (so-called "crime free housing"initiatives).

- **2010 Ban on private transfer fee covenants.** Eliminated private transfer fee covenants, which would require future buyers or sellers to pay a transfer fee to whoever is designated in the covenant on all future transfers
- **2010 Short sales, foreclosures factor into tax appeals.** Taxpayers can factor short sales or foreclosures because of their impact on a home value in reviewing and correcting assessments. (Except in Cook County)
- **2009 Banks banned from real estate brokerage.** Banks are permanently prohibited from entering the real estate broker age and management business.
- **2007 Gross Receipts Tax.** Stopped the largest ever tax increase proposed in Illinois history. The "gross receipts tax' would have slowed the economy resulting in a permanent loss in jobs and significant negative impact on the construction and real estate industries.
- **1997 Real Estate Transfer Tax.** This IAR initiative resulted in a state law requiring home rule units of local government to get voter approval in order to increase an existing transfer tax or impose a new one. Similarly, the expansion of the municipal transfer tax to non-home rule municipalities was halted
- **1993 Commercial Broker Lien Act.** This law has been very helpful in ensuring that commercial brokers are paid for the services they provide.
- **1985 Anti-solicitation law.** Prevented a bill that would have radically expanded the state's anti-solicitation law for real estate agents.

Read how Illinois REALTORS®/RPAC/RVOICE made a difference in the 2014 election and in targeted Opportunity Races around the state.

Learn about the local GAD Battles in your area where the RVOICE program has been able to save you and your clients money, stop red tape and fees on real estate transactions, and protect private property rights.