

Health/Hospital Districts



Districts promote healthy communities

- *34 health/hospital districts exist throughout the state that are independent local governments and not part of a local city or county. May consist of territory in one or more counties or a city with or without unincorporated territory.*
- *Provide clinically related diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitative services on an inpatient or outpatient basis.*
- *Provide outreach programs in health care education, health care research, and patient care.*
- *Serve as a resource for health care providers in the district and promote the physical and mental health and well-being of district residents.*
- *Governed by a board of five directors elected in May of odd-numbered years serving four-year terms. Each board member must be an elector within the district.*
- *District board is completely responsible for personnel administration, financial administration, and seeing that the requirements of laws governing areas ranging from public records and public meetings to civil rights are met.*
- *Receive tax revenues based on the voter-approved permanent rate per \$1,000 in assessed property value within the defined geographic area. Health districts may also assess additional time-limited levies and issue bonds for public works. In addition to non-operating revenues, health districts are authorized to charge fees to persons who use district facilities or services.*

