

Districts provide safe and well-maintained public roadways

- 84 special road districts and/or road assessment districts exist throughout the state that are independent local governments and not part of a local city or county.
- Formed for the purpose of improving local access roads within the district to include proper road surface material, proper grooming techniques, and the use of dust suppressants/base stabilizers. Local access roads are not maintained by the county or the state.
- Road assessment districts may be formed in any county having a population of 19,000 and not more than 25,000, as shown by the decennial federal census, and shall consist of an area of more than 20,000 acres or an assessed valuation of taxable property of not less than \$1 million, according to the last county assessment roll.
- Road assessment districts are governed by a three-member elected board for four-year terms. A
 director must be an elector of the district and have resided within the proposed district for more
 than 30 days immediately prior to the date of the election.
- <u>Special road districts</u> are governed by a board of three commissioners appointed by the county court. Each commissioner shall be an elector of the district. The term of office of a commissioner is three years commencing on January 1 of the year of appointment. Commissioners can also be elected by the electors of the district if established by the County Court at time of district formation.
- 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 voter-approved permanent rate per \$1,000 in assessed property value within the district's defined geographic area.