

Special District Eligibility Act

ISSUE

Despite their significance, “special districts” are not formally defined in federal statute or considered a standard unit of government eligible to update or certify population and household statistics. This creates higher barriers to access direct, or pass-through federal programs intended to supplement local governments’ critical infrastructure and other essential services.



ACTION

AMCA calls for the enactment of Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act (H.R 2776) which would define “special district” in federal law for purposes of funding eligibility.

BACKGROUND

- Many mosquito and vector control programs throughout the United States exist in the form of Special Districts and are responsible for providing services to protect the health and well-being of their constituents.
- AMCA recognizes the importance of supplying a standardized definition of special districts so that they may be recognized as a legitimate government entity.
- We also recognize that although special districts typically have sustainable funding and support through leveraging local taxes, there are times when every special district, including those serving the purpose of mosquito control need to augment their local funding through federal assistance programs.
- AMCA supports the Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act (H.R 2776) which would require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance within six months to federal agencies that clarifies and reinforces that special districts are local governments.



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