

SPECIAL DISTRICTS BULLETIN

AND UNIFORM COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

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2022 LAWS AFFECTING SPECIAL DISTRICTS

The following is a listing of laws enacted by the General Assembly that are related to Special Districts. This is not intended to be an expression of a legal opinion, nor is it intended to provide a complete summary of every addition or amendment contained in the public law. If you have any questions regarding legal interpretation, please consult your city or town attorney.

We have listed the laws in public law number sequence and the references are to the Indiana Code. Additional information regarding the 2021 public laws may be found on the General Assembly website at www.iga.in.gov. The "Session" tab contains a Table of Citations for all Indiana Code citations affected by new legislation, a complete Digest of Enactments summarizing each new public law, an Enrolled Act Summary showing the effective dates of each public law section, and other cross references between public law number and bill number. The "Legislation" tab contains each new public law.

House Enrolled Act 1130 – Public Law 116-2022 Open Meetings

Changes the circumstances in which the governing body of local political subdivision may hold a virtual meeting during a declared disaster emergency without any of the governing body members being physically present.

Senate Enrolled Act 83 – Public Law 124-2022 Open Meetings

Adds to IC 5-14-1.5-3(d) that if a governing body adopts reasonable rules to govern the taking of oral public comment at a meeting, the oral comment on a topic must occur before the governing body takes final action on the topic. Makes changes to the Open Meeting statutes by providing if a disaster emergency is in effect for all or part of the area within the governing body's jurisdiction, and the members of a governing body are not required to be physically present at a meeting if meeting in person would present an

imminent risk to the health or safety of the members of the public and the governing body who attend the meeting.

Senate Enrolled Act 134 – Public Law 87-2022
Appropriation of Donated Money

Adds language specifying that a political subdivision that conducts or administers an election may not accept private money donations to prepare, administer, or conduct elections or to employ individuals on a temporary basis for preparing, administering, or conducting elections, including registering voters. Provides that if the donation of money is to the secretary of state, the report shall specify whether the money was or will be distributed to political subdivisions for preparing, administering, or conducting elections, and, if so, the specific types of uses for which the donated money will be used by those political subdivisions.

Requires all local units of government to submit to the state board of accounts (SBA) a report of each individual local unit of government employee employed by the local unit of government whose salary is funded in whole or in part from donated money. Requires the SBA to annually submit to the budget committee a report of the information that specifies and identifies each individual local unit of government employee whose salary is funded in whole or in part from donated money, which must be made available to the public. Defines "local unit of government" for purposes of the reporting requirement. Specifies that the term does not include hospitals.

SAM.GOV VALIDATION

This will apply if your unit receives or plans to receive monetary Federal assistance. The U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) continues to provide resources to help entities that do business with the federal government (including states that receive grant funds) obtain a unique entity ID, register in SAM.gov, and validate entity information

On April 4, 2022, the federal government officially stopped using the DUNS number to identify entities and began using the unique identifier on SAM.gov. At the same time, the federal government changed its validation service provider. As part of this complex data transition, even entities previously registered in SAM.gov must validate their entity information. Entities may also have to provide supporting documentation during this process

To assist with validation, GSA has updated its FAQs to provide guidance on creating incidents and submitting documentation. These FAQs will provide information needed to update and validate your information. If you serve as your entity's administrator or have registered for a unique identifier, you are encouraged to visit SAM.gov and follow the necessary steps to validate your unit's information.

The FAQs can be viewed here - [GSA FAQ](#)

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