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## ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** Commission Members

**FROM:** Lynnise Roehrich-Patrick  
Executive Director

**DATE:** 28 January 2015

**SUBJECT:** Municipal Boundary Changes and Comprehensive Growth Plans—Commission Report for Approval

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The attached Commission report is submitted for your approval. The report was prepared in response to Public Chapter 707, Acts of 2014, which dramatically changed annexation law in Tennessee by eliminating annexation without consent and strengthened the annexation moratorium established by Public Chapter 441, Acts of 2013, in place since May 16, 2013. Public Chapter 707 also extended the comprehensive review and evaluation of the efficacy of state policies set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 6, Chapter 51 (Change of Municipal Boundaries) and 58 (Comprehensive Growth Plan) initiated by Public Chapter 441. The report explains the annexation process going forward—a process that will require annexing cities to obtain written consent from owners or hold a referendum—and includes the Commission's recommendations to address several key issues concerning municipal boundary changes and growth planning policies, including recommendations related to non-resident participation in annexation decisions, annexing non-contiguous areas, and reviewing and updating growth plans, among others.