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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Lynnise Roehrich-Patrick
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SUBJECT: Legislative Update, Work Program Amendment, and Research Plans

Each year at this time, the Commission reviews legislative action on issues related to past studies and amends its work program to add issues submitted to it by the General Assembly. Action was taken in this session directly related to findings and recommendations in three reports. Public Chapter 793 (attached) authorizes Sevier and Blount counties, any home rule county, and any county with a metropolitan form of government to participate in the Tennessee local land bank pilot program. Public Chapter 851 (attached) gives condemnees by eminent domain the right of first refusal, which is the right to repurchase condemned property if the condemner decides to sell it. And Public Chapter 707 (attached), which eliminates cities' authority to annex by ordinance, extends the Commission's comprehensive review of municipal boundary changes and comprehensive growth plans initiated under Public Chapter 441. These and other actions are described more fully in the legislative report behind tab 3A.

Two other public acts passed this year require action by the Commission, one requires a new study and the other development of a model policy. Both acts are included in the revised work program behind tab 3B, which is submitted for your approval. Public Chapter 795 creates a new funding mechanism for emergency communications services in Tennessee and requires the Commission to study funding, functionality, and other effects of the Act and report its conclusions to the Joint Committee on Government Operations on or before September 15, 2017. The Healthy Workplace Act, Senate Bill 2226 by Senator Jim Kyle and House Bill 1981 by Representative Antonio Parkinson, which has been signed by the Governor but not yet chaptered, requires the Commission to consult with the Department of Human Resources and municipal and county organizations including but not limited to the Tennessee Municipal League, the Tennessee County Services Association, the Municipal Technical Advisory Service,

and the County Technical Assistance Service to create a model policy by March 1, 2015, for employers to prevent abusive conduct in the workplace.

Six bills were referred to the Commission for study and are also included in the revised work program behind tab 3B. These bills include

- House Bill 1649 by Representative Timothy Hill, which would exempt single-story places of worship located in unincorporated areas from requirements to have fire protection sprinkler systems as long as they met certain requirements;
- Senate Bill 1935 by Senator Jack Johnson, which would grant local legislative bodies the power to alter or revise line items in school board budgets when administrative spending exceeds 10% of the total proposed budget;
- House Bill 1390 by Representative Jeremy Faison, Senate Bill 1671 by Senator Steve Southerland, which would prohibit local property assessors from including the value of the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit in a property's assessed/appraised value;
- House Bill 2070 by Representative Andrew Farmer, which requires sellers to disclose whether their property is located in a planned unit development and whether the development is complete
- House Bill 1855 by Representative Ryan Williams, which would create civil causes of action against any person, with some exceptions, who physically invaded the privacy of another or for attempting to capture a visual image, sound recording, or any other physical impression of a person engaging in personal or familial activities, and
- House Bill 2457 by Representative Jon Lundberg, which would require the Department of Safety to contract for a database to identify motorists failing to maintain adequate vehicle insurance or other coverage and would provide for the revocation of non-complying motorists' registrations.

Research plans for all of these studies are included in tab 3C.