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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD  
**SUBJECT:** REVISIONS TO THE MISSISSIPPI PLANNING ACT (1927)  
**DATE:** 8/23/00  
**CC:** SIMMONS  
FILE: STATE OF THE STATE 2001

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I met with members of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association at their request to discuss future revisions of the Mississippi Planning Statutes to cultivate more “Smart Growth” among municipalities and counties. Robert Barber, Corrine Fox and James Shelby are seeking your support for the establishment of a task force or review council to obtain input and develop recommendations for submission to the 2002 Legislature.

A task force, at a very minimum, would include representatives from the MS Chapter of the APA; small, medium, and large municipalities; planning and development districts; DEQ; DECD/MDA; and both counties with and without zoning restrictions,

Given that “Smart Growth” strategies are Gov. Glendening’s central issue for NGA this year. This could prove as a venue for support of the chair’s policies. Attached please find a draft executive order and a copy of proposed members as submitted by Robert Barber. Please advise.