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Executive Order No. 40

Relating to the Creation of the Task Force on State and Local Government

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is facing a budget shortfall that may reach beyond \$1.1 billion in the 2001 - 2003 Biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Reform Bill of 2002 was introduced to rectify this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, one provision of the Budget Reform Bill of 2002 is to phase out shared revenue with repeal of the program completed by fiscal year 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have a forum for discussing and addressing fundamental change to the state and local governments relationship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Task Force on State and Local Government (hereinafter, "Task Force"); and
2. Provide that the Task Force members are appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the Governor shall designate one (1) member on the Task Force as its chair to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
4. Provide that the Task Force shall review and answer questions in the following areas:
  - A. To review government organization, including the size and number of governments;
  - B. To review efficiency and consolidation of government services;
  - C. To review land use, boundaries and annexation;
  - D. To review finances and taxations of state and local government;
  - E. To review state mandates that are barriers to consolidation; and
  - F. To identify financial incentives for local governments to consolidate services, where possible; and
5. Make recommendations to strengthen the partnership between the state and local governments to ensure Wisconsin is fully prepared to meet the challenges of the Twenty-First Century; and
6. Require the Task Force to submit to the Governor a final report on its findings and recommendations by February 2003; and

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- 7. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Administration and all other state agencies to provide the Task Force with administrative and support services and with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with section 20.505(4)(ba) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
- 8. Require the Task Force to disband once the Governor has accepted its final report.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifth day of March in the year two thousand two.

*Scott McCallum*  
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 Scott McCallum  
 Governor

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
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 Douglas La Follette  
 Secretary of State