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This paper was written by public administration expert Luther Gulick, whose keynote address at the Tennessee Municipal League's 9th annual convention included a proposal to establish "a local government technical advisory service." Gulick's proposal resonated with TML Herb Bingham, who carried it to the state legislature leading to the creation of MTAS.

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