

**RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
CHAIRMAN MILLS**

**Re: Erie County Charter Revision Commission Recommendation No. 33**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature created the Erie County Charter Revision Commission for the express purpose of reviewing the Erie County Charter and to make recommendations on whether or not the Erie County Charter and/or Administrative Code should be amended to facilitate the more effective delivery of services to the public and to better coordinate the functions between departments and agencies of the County and the various local governments within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Revision Commission was convened and fully considered and debated the strengths and weaknesses of the present Charter and made numerous recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Revision Commission submitted its final recommendations to the Erie County Legislature on May 13, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Charter Revision Commission, several organizations, individuals and elected officials submitted comments and recommended Charter changes to the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature is required to act on each recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Mills has reviewed each recommendation of the Commission and has submitted each recommendation to this Honorable Body for its consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Recommendation No. 33 adds Section 202.5 detailing how funding for the Erie County Legislature will be distributing between the Majority and Minority Caucuses and the Clerk of the Legislature's Office to ensure the Minority Caucus has sufficient resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation No. 33 as described in Comm. 10M-1(2016); and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Legislature's staff shall draft a local law or laws to reflect the Legislature's acceptance of the recommendation and to amend the Charter by referendum; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Attorney and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Recommendation to Amend the Erie County Charter  
Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016

Amendment to Recommendation Intro. No.173  
Recommendation No. 33

**The text of Recommendation Intro No. 173 is stricken and replaced with  
the following:**

Introduced on the Report of the Special Committee on Consolidation and  
Conformity.

Sponsored by Commission Member \_\_\_\_\_

The Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016 does hereby  
recommend that a new Section 202.5 be added to read as follows:

**Section 202.5. Allocation of funds for the Erie County Legislature.** The fund appropriated for the County Legislature in the annual budget, exclusive of the funds for the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, shall be allocated to the Majority and Minority in the proportion that the Majority members of the legislature will bear to the total number of legislators, provided that the Majority will not receive more than 65 percent of the funds appropriated for the County Legislature in the annual budget, exclusive of the funds for the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, and the proportion that the Minority members of the Legislature will bear to the total number of legislators, provided that the Minority will not receive less than 35 percent of the funds appropriated for the County Legislature in the annual budget, exclusive of the funds for the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, as of the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is adopted. The County Legislature shall adopt an ordinance or resolution to effect the allocation in December of each year where necessary. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary, this section may only be altered, amended, repealed or superseded by nine affirmative votes of the County Legislature.