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## Let's downsize Legislature to 11 and impose term limits

Bam! Ten votes lined up overnight willing to downsize the Erie County Legislature from 15 to 13. Why this lightning-quick agreement on a Friday? Because the legislators smelled blood—their blood—and they needed the weekend for voters to cool down. If only our county legislators could move with such speed and certitude when the good of the electorate is really at stake.

This feigned rush to listen to the voters and follow the Legislature's 21st Century Commission is all about damage control, while benefiting those left standing. Any benefit to the public in approving this resolution is purely coincidental when the price of this reduction is giving those left four-year terms, with no imposed term limits.

Going to four-year terms of office is clearly in the legislators' interest, not the interest of those they represent. Also, why not go to 11 legislators, which is what most voters in Erie County want?

In reality what Legislature Chairwoman Lynn M. Marinelli and other legislators heard were the citizens of West Seneca and Evans, soon to be followed by other towns and villages taking steps to make their elected officials listen to them in the future.

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