



RESOLUTION# 22-10-5

Introduced by Judicial and Legislative Committee

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Motion:	Adopted:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1st <u>Leichtnam</u>	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2nd <u>Hamilton</u>	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: <u>0</u> Yes: <u>19</u> Absent: <u>0</u>		
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority	<input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds	
Reviewed by: <u>PAK</u>	, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed by: _____	, Finance Dir.	

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To encourage the state legislature to increase the pay rate of Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) in order to maintain fully staffed offices of competent prosecutors at the county level.

FISCAL NOTE: Nothing direct; having too many inexperienced prosecutors and frequent openings in the ADA positions causes county District Attorney offices to be inefficient and that impacts the viability of the entire criminal justice system and, as a result, the safety of our citizens.

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1	LaFontaine, D		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2	Rozar, D		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3	Buttke, T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4	Wagner, E		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5	Fischer, A		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6	Breu, A		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7	Voight, W		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8	Hahn, J		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9	Winch, W		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10	Thao, L		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11	Penzkover, J		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12	Valenstein, L		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13	Hokamp, J		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	Polach, D		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15	Clendenning, B		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16	Pliml, L		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
17	Zurfluh, J		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18	Hamilton, B		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
19	Leichtnam, B		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys serve as the backbone of the State of Wisconsin's ability to effectively prosecute cases in all of its seventy two counties, and

WHEREAS, any shortage of these ADAs creates backups in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff, and delay or deny justice to victims in these cases, and

WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for ADAs in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at \$26.70 an hour, which is annualized to around \$54,000 a year, and the pay structure for experienced prosecutors is likewise extraordinarily low, and

WHEREAS, the compensation rate for ADAs, both entry level and experienced, has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sits well below other public sector attorney positions around the state of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the compensation rate for ADAs is not competitive in today's workforce environment, accelerates staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the state of Wisconsin, and ultimately endangers public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES that the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested to review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys and the pay schedule for experienced ADAs in order to make them competitive with other public sector attorney positions as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to Governor Tony Evers, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature representing Wood County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

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BILL CLENDENNING (Chair)

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JOSEPH H. ZURFLUH

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 18th day of October, 2022  
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County Clerk

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County Board Chairman