

Resolution No. 555 - 22

SUPPORTING PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys serve the critical and singular role of prosecuting cases and assisting local law enforcement and victims of crime in all of Wisconsin's seventy-two counties, and

WHEREAS, any shortage of these Assistant District Attorneys creates delays in the justice system, which can prolong cases, create more pressure on existing staff, inadequately assist law enforcement agencies, and delay or deny justice to alleged victims or defendants in these cases, and

WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at 26.70 an hour which is annualized to around \$55,500 a year, and

WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sits well below the national average for similar positions in District Attorney's offices across the Country as well as public sector attorney positions, and

WHEREAS, failure to pay Assistant District Attorneys a competitive starting salary and merit-based pay-progression, will result in the inability to recruit and retain competent and experienced staff who ensure the criminal justice system functions more justly and efficiently; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to revise and maintain an entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys which is competitive with similar positions in District Attorney's offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions, and comparable private sector positions, and to fully fund merit-based pay progression for Assistant District Attorneys; and

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

Adopted this 27th day of September 2022 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board.


John Guarisco, Chairperson


Kathy Brandt, Clerk

Submitted by: Public Services Committee 9/27/2022