

Resolution 51-22

Requesting the State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise the Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys

WHEREAS, Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) 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 backlogs in the justice system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff and delay or deny justice to the victims in these cases; and

WHEREAS, the entry-level compensation rate for ADAs in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at \$26.70 per hour, which is annualized to approximately \$55,000 per 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, sits well below other public sector attorney positions around the State of Wisconsin, 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, BE IT RESOLVED 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 Assistant District Attorneys 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 Price County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and all other Wisconsin Counties.

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Adopted by the Price County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of November 2022.

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