

1 **RESOLUTION – R2022-10-02**

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3 To: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors

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5 Re: **Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Entry Level Compensation Rate**  
6 **for Assistant District Attorneys**

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

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11 WHEREAS, any shortage of these Assistant District Attorneys creates backups in the justice  
12 system, which can lengthen cases, create more pressure on existing staff and delay or deny justice to  
13 individuals party to these cases; and

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15 WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022  
16 \$26.70 per hour or approximately \$55,000 per year; and

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18 WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with  
19 the rate of inflation and sits well below the national average for similar positions in District Attorney offices  
20 across the country; and

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22 WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys sits below other  
23 public sector attorney positions in both Oconto County and around the State of Wisconsin; and

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25 WHEREAS, this entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys is not competitive in  
26 today's workforce environment, accelerates staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the State of  
27 Wisconsin and endangers public safety; and

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29 WHEREAS, in an effort to make District Attorney offices more competitive in their entry level  
30 compensation offerings for Assistant District Attorneys, Oconto County requests that the State of Wisconsin  
31 review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys to remain competitive  
32 with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions,  
33 and the private sector, as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

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35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oconto County Board of Supervisors hereby requests  
36 the State of Wisconsin review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys  
37 in order to remain competitive with similar positions in district attorney offices around the country, other  
38 public sector attorney positions, and the private sector, as well as to keep up with the rate of inflation.

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oconto County Board of Supervisors directs the county  
41 clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor for the State of Wisconsin, members  
42 of the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate, every county in the State of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties  
43 Association.

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45 Submitted this 20th day of October, 2022.

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47 By: PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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49 Dennis Kroll, Chair  
50 Don Bartels, Jr.  
51 David Parmentier  
52 Tracy S. Ondik  
53 Al Schreiber

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55 *Electronically Reviewed by Corporation Counsel on 10.14.2022 - BLE*

**CERTIFICATION**

*Adopted by an electronic vote: 28 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 0 Abstain, 0 Vacant*

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**COUNTY OF OCONTO**

*I, Kim Pytleski, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of the original now on file in the  
office of the County Clerk and that it was adopted by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on this  
date. DATE: 10/20/2022 Kim Pytleski, County Clerk*