

RESOLUTION #R-62-22

Resolution Requesting the State of Wisconsin to Review and Revise the Entry-Level Compensation Rate for Assistant District Attorneys

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

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

WHEREAS, the entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022 sits at \$26.70 per hour, which is annualized to approximately \$54,000 per year, and

WHEREAS, this 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 offices across the country, and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marathon County Board of Supervisors that the State of Wisconsin is hereby requested to review and revise the entry-level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in order to remain competitive with similar positions in District Attorney offices around the country, other public sector attorney positions, and the private sector, 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 Marathon County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2022

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.