

RESOLUTION

02-2023

Resolution offered by the Finance Committee:

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 that are party to these cases; and

WHEREAS, the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys in Wisconsin in 2022 is \$26.70 an hour, which is annualized to around \$54,000.00 a year; and

WHEREAS, the entrance 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 Forest County and around the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the 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, Forest 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 FOREST 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 Forest County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and all other Wisconsin Counties.

Resolution approved by Finance Committee, _____, 2023.
 Vote: AYE _____, NAY _____

 Committee Chair

I, County Clerk, in and for the said County of Forest, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, in legal session on the 17 day of JANUARY, 2023.

Dated this 17 day of January, 2023.


 Nora Matuszewski, Forest County Clerk


 Supervisor

ROLL CALL SHEET		COUNTY BOARD		Date <u>11.17.23</u>		Ordinance	
No.	Resolution	Aye	No	Adopted	Lost	Tabled	
	Motion: <u>1st Weber</u>						
	<u>2nd Fulcer</u>						
	Anderson	✓					
	Black	✓					
	Campbell	✓					
	Chaney	✓					
	Dailey					✓	
	Dehart	✓					
	Fulcer	✓					
	Goode	✓					
	Gretzinger	✓					
	Karl	✓					
	Landru					✓	
	Lukas	✓					
	Miller	✓					
	Peterson	✓					
	Piasini	✓					
	Tallier	✓					
	Weber	✓					
	Dist#3 - Vacant						
	Dist#12 - Vacant						
	Dist#18 - Vacant						
	Dist#20 - Vacant						
	TOTAL	14					3