

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 22 (2022/2023)

Re: **Requesting the State of Wisconsin Review and Revise the Compensation Rates for Entry Level and Experienced 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 party to these cases; and

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

WHEREAS, the compensation rates for Assistant District Attorneys has not kept up with the rate of inflation and sit well below the national average for similar positions in District Attorney offices across the country; and

WHEREAS, the compensation rates for Assistant District Attorneys sit below other public sector attorney positions in both Sheboygan County and around the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the compensation rates for Assistant District Attorneys are not competitive in today's workforce environment, accelerate staffing turnover in District Attorney offices around the State of Wisconsin and endanger public safety; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to make District Attorney offices more competitive in their compensation offerings for Assistant District Attorneys, Sheboygan County requests that the State of Wisconsin review and revise the compensation rates 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, the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State of Wisconsin review and revise the compensation rates 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.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors directs the county clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the legislative representatives having constituencies in Sheboygan County, the Office of the Governor, the State Department officials dealing with the subject matter of this Resolution, every county in the State of Wisconsin, and such other public officials as the Clerk may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of December, 2022.

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Opposed to Introduction:

Adopted 01/17/2023