



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 276

June 29, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, HORLACHER, WACHS, C. TAYLOR, OHNSTAD and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 978.06 (5) (a); and **to create** 978.001 (1k) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** allowing district attorneys, deputy district attorneys, and
3 assistant district attorneys to engage in the private practice of law for certain
4 civil purposes.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a full-time district attorney, deputy district attorney, or assistant district attorney (district attorney) may not generally engage in the private practice of law. However, a district attorney may complete work in a civil case with which he or she was involved before he or she took office, so long as that work is not in conflict with any interests of the district attorney's county.

Under this bill, a full-time district attorney may also provide legal services to a person of limited means or to a charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental, or educational organization if the attorney provides the services without fee and the services are not in conflict with the interests of the district attorney's county.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

5 **SECTION 1.** 978.001 (1k) of the statutes is created to read:

