



2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 25

February 19, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives HORLACHER, HEBL, BALLWEG, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, KNODL, NOVAK, QUINN, RAMTHUN, RODRIGUEZ, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, STUCK, C. TAYLOR, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VRUWINK, BROOKS and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD, JACQUE, CARPENTER, COWLES, FEYEN, MARKLEIN, OLSEN and STROEBEL. 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 generally may not engage in the private practice of law. Current law provides an exception that allows the attorney to complete work in a civil case with which he or she was involved before taking office, so long as that work is not in conflict with any interests of the district attorney's county.

This bill creates another exception so that a full-time district attorney, deputy district attorney, or assistant 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:

