March 7, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives S. RODRIGUEZ, SUBECK, BROSTOFF, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, POPE, SHELTON and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senators AGARD, ROYS and ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AN ACT to amend 978.03 (1m) of the statutes; relating to: allocation of deputy district attorneys.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill increases the number of deputy district attorneys that may be appointed in a prosecutorial unit with a population of at least 200,000 but less than 750,000 from three deputy district attorneys to four deputy district attorneys.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 978.03 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

978.03 (1m) The district attorney of any prosecutorial unit having a population of 200,000 or more but less than 750,000 may appoint 3 or 4 deputy district attorneys and such assistant district attorneys as may be requested by the department of administration and authorized in accordance with s. 16.505. The district attorney shall rank the deputy district attorneys for purposes of carrying out duties under this
section. The deputies, according to rank, may perform any duty of the district
attorney, under the district attorney’s direction. In the absence or disability of the
district attorney, the deputies, according to rank, may perform any act required by
law to be performed by the district attorney. Any such deputy must have practiced
law in this state for at least 2 years prior to appointment under this section.