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2021 Wisconsin Act 242
[2021 Assembly Bill 1024]

**Department of Justice Remedial
Legislation**

2021 Wisconsin Act 242 is remedial legislation, introduced by the Joint Legislative Council's Law Revision Committee at the request of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Act 242 requires DOJ to delete certain fingerprint images from its records instead of returning fingerprint cards to persons who are released from custody without charge or cleared of the offense for which the fingerprints were taken; the change reflects the transition from the use of fingerprint cards to the use of electronic images.

Additionally, Act 242 allows the Division of Hearings and Appeals to serve a copy of its decisions by personal delivery, mailing, or, if all parties agree, electronic mailing, to each party to the proceedings.

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