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Wimberger Announces 42 New Assistant District Attorneys, Pay Increases Included in Budget

MADISON – Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Oconto) released the following statement after the Joint Committee on Finance, the state's budget-writing committee, voted to include the efforts he led to secure 42 new statewide assistant district attorneys (ADAs), as well as funding for pay increases for prosecutors, in the 2025-26 State Budget:

"Investing in new assistant district attorneys across Wisconsin is an important part of tackling the rising case backlog in courtrooms across our state. These ADAs will help process cases and deliver swift justice.

I'm happy to have guided these initiatives through the budget committee, and thank my colleagues for their support."

A number of the included ADA positions will be created in Northeast Wisconsin, including 7 in Brown County, 2 in Shawano/Menominee Counties, and 0.5 positions in both Marinette and Oconto Counties.

In addition to the new ADA positions, the Finance Committee voted to provide new funding over the next two years to upgrade and secure the case tracking system technology used by Wisconsin prosecutors.

The Committee also voted to deliver new funding over the next two years to the State Public Defender's office. These funds will support the hiring of 12.5 positions to address workload issues, and ensure courts process cases in a timely manner across Wisconsin.

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State Senator Eric Wimberger is an attorney, small business owner, and former Marine Captain. He serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance and Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. He represents the 2nd Senate District, including parts of Brown, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca Counties.

A media kit for Senator Wimberger can be found <u>here</u>.