



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**GENERAL STATE GOVERNMENT**

***Deputy secretary of state***

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 eliminated the position of assistant secretary of state. This bill restores that position as the deputy secretary of state. The secretary of state may delegate any duty or power to the deputy secretary of state, except duties and powers the secretary of state performs as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 14.46 of the statutes is created to read:

**14.46 Deputy secretary of state.** The secretary of state may appoint a deputy secretary of state who may perform and execute any duty or power of the secretary of state, except duties and powers the secretary of state performs as a member of the board of commissioners of public lands. The deputy secretary of state shall take and file the official oath and shall file an official bond in the sum and with the conditions as the secretary of state prescribes.

**SECTION 2.** 19.01 (4) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

19.01 (4) (b) 1. The secretary of state and deputy secretary of state.

**BILL****SECTION 3**

**SECTION 3.** 20.923 (6) (as) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.923 (6) (as) Each elective executive officer other than the state treasurer, ~~secretary of state,~~ attorney general, and superintendent of public instruction: a deputy or assistant.

**SECTION 4.** 20.923 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.923 (8) DEPUTIES. Salaries for deputies appointed pursuant to ss. 13.94 (3) (b), 15.04 (2), and 551.601 (1) shall be set by the appointing authority. The salary, other than the salary of the deputy secretary of the department of employee trust funds, shall not exceed the maximum of the salary range one range below the salary range of the executive salary group to which the department or agency head is assigned. The deputy secretary of state and associate director of the historical society shall be treated as ~~an unclassified deputy~~ deputies for pay purposes under this subsection. The salary of the deputy director of the office of business development in the department of administration is assigned to executive salary group 2.

**SECTION 5.** 230.08 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

230.08 (2) (g) One stenographer appointed by each elective executive officer, except the secretary of state and the state treasurer; and one deputy or assistant appointed by each elective executive officer, except the state treasurer, ~~secretary of state,~~ attorney general, and superintendent of public instruction.

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