



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Public Defender- Wrongful Convictions

- HF 2516 allows two public defenders in postconviction instances when one is from the wrongful conviction's division of the public defender's office

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1- Costs-Compensation and Fees-Indigent Defense- Appointment of Counsel by Court (815.10)

Under current law an indigent person is entitled to one attorney in all cases unless it is a class "A" felony.

This change allows other indigent defendants to have two public defenders where one is a court appointed attorney and the other is an assistant from the state public defenders' wrongful convictions division.

Amendment Analysis

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Allows an assistant state public defender from the wrongful conviction division to assist even if the person is represented by a private attorney.