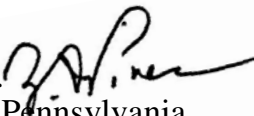


Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

Memorandum

TO: All System and Related Personnel
All Interested Parties

FROM: Zygmunt A. Pines, Esq. 
Court Administrator of Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: **Acts 113 and 126 of 2014 - Changes in Existing JCS/ATJ/CJEA Fee**

DATE: July 11, 2014

Acts 113 and 126 of 2014, recently signed by Governor Corbett, make several changes to the \$23.50 Judicial Computer Project/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account (JCP/ATJ/CJEA) fee by amending 42 Pa.C.S. § 3733.1 and enacting 72 P.S. § 1795.1-E. Below is a summarization of all changes.

1. The JCS/ATJ/CJEA fee is temporarily increased from \$23.50 to \$35.50 in two stages for **all filings** except those resulting from a traffic citation charging an offense under Title 75 (relating to vehicles) which is classified a summary under a state statute or local ordinance. Once fully implemented, the fee will remain at the \$35.50 amount until December 31, 2017. Thereafter, the fee will be \$14.25.
 - a. Effective July 10, 2014, Act 126 increased the fee by \$10, bringing the total fee to \$33.50.
 - b. Effective August 8, 2014, Act 113 will increase the fee by an additional \$2, bringing the total to \$35.50.
2. The JCP/ATJ fee shall remain \$10 for those cases that are instituted based upon the filing of a traffic citation charging an offense under Title 75 (relating to vehicles) which is classified a summary under a state statute or local ordinance.

The temporary fee of \$35.50 as well as its successor fee of \$14.25 fee will be shared in proportions specified by law between the following accounts: Judicial Computer System, Access to Justice and the Criminal Justice Enhancement. The \$10 fee on traffic citation cases shall continue to be shared in proportions specified by law between the Judicial Computer System and Access to Justice Account.

The Supreme Court will issue revised financial regulations to reflect these changes in rates and the sunset date. The revised regulations will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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Notice of the changes in the amount of these fees, is being provided for the purpose of promoting general awareness and understanding of the change to facilitate compliance. **Please be aware that this change is unrelated to the annual increases in court costs made under Act 167 of 1992 as amended by Act 113 of 2001 and Act 96 of 2010.**

Pursuant to the authority under 42 Pa.C.S. § 3502(a) to promulgate regulations specifying the time and manner of remittance and disbursement of this fee by county staff, all collectors of the fee must be in compliance with these regulations on or before **August 8, 2014**. This implementation period is necessary to allow all collectors of the fee sufficient time to make the necessary adjustments to existing automated systems and protocols.

If we may be of assistance with regard to your implementation of Acts 113 and 126, please contact David Price, Esq. at (717) 231-3300 ext. 3293 or Daryl Walker, Esq. at (717) 231-3300 ext. 3319.

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