

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

From: Barbara A. Stringer  
Mifflin County Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, & Clerk of the Orphans' Court

Dated: November 13, 2017

Subject: Acts 40 and 44 of 2017—Changes in Existing JCS/ATJ/CJEA Surcharge

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Acts and 44 of 2017, recently signed by the Governor, make immediate changes to the Judicial Computer System/Access to Justice/Criminal Justice Enhancement Account (JCS/ATJ/CJEA) surcharge.

The surcharge is increased from \$35.50 to \$40.25 for first filings in certain cases in the office.

The office is mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to begin collecting the fee on or before November 30, 2017. Therefore, beginning on Thursday, November 30, 2017, the new surcharge will go into effect.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE of PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

**TO:** All System and Related Personnel  
All Interested Parties

**FROM:** AOPC

**SUBJECT:** Acts 40 and 44 of 2017 – New Surcharge and Monthly Reporting to the Department of Revenue

**DATE:** November 13, 2017

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We previously notified you of important changes to surcharges that were made last month by Acts 40 and 44 of 2017. Specifically, the JCP/ATJ/CJEA surcharge increased from \$35.50 to **\$40.25** on all non-traffic filings, and the JCP/ATJ surcharge increased from \$10.00 to **\$22.00** for filings resulting from a traffic citation charging an offense under Title 75 (relating to vehicles). To conform to the statutory amendments, the name of the surcharge also has been changed to **JCP/ATJ/CJEA/OAG**.

These changes took effect immediately – on **October 30, 2017**. However, AOPC has granted a 30-day grace period for implementation. Accordingly, all collectors of the fee must be in compliance with these statutory changes **no later than November 30, 2017**. (The Department of Revenue has been informed of AOPC's 30-day grace period.)

At the same time, the Department of Revenue will be making changes to its reporting system and complementary forms. The Department has informed AOPC that updated reporting forms reflecting the recent changes will be available sometime in December. The Department's reporting system likely will be updated during the same time frame. Please note that during this interim period, collections will need to be reported to the Department of Revenue manually.