

PROTHONOTARY FEE LAW - AMEND ESTABLISHMENT, MODIFICATION AND ADDITION OF  
FEES

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AN ACT

Amending the act of November 26, 1982 (P.L.744, No.203),  
entitled "An act to ascertain and appoint the fees to be  
received by the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of  
the Commonwealth in home rule counties or counties of the  
second class A and the third to eighth class; to provide the  
time of paying the same and to repeal certain acts,"  
providing for the establishment and modification of fees and  
for the imposition of an additional fee.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of November 26, 1982 (P.L.744, No.203),  
referred to as the Prothonotary Fee Law, is amended by adding  
sections to read:

**Section 1.1. Increasing existing fees.**

(a) General rule.--In counties of the second class A and the  
third through eighth class, including home rule counties of the  
same class, the prothonotary may increase any fee or charge that  
exists as of the effective date of this section with the  
approval of the president judge. The amount of any increase may  
not be greater than the aggregate of the consumer price index  
from the month in which the fee was last established through  
June 1998.

(b) Periodic adjustment.--The amount of any fee or charge  
increased pursuant to subsection (a) may be increased every  
three years, provided that the amount of the increase may not be  
greater than the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price  
Index for Urban Workers for the immediate three years preceding  
the last increase in the fee or charge.

**Section 1.2. Automation fee for prothonotary's office.**

In addition to any other fee authorized by law, an automation  
fee of not more than \$5 may be charged and collected by the  
prothonotary of counties of the second class A and the third  
through eighth class, including home rule counties of the same  
class, for the initiation of any action or legal proceeding. The  
automation fee shall be deposited into a special prothonotary  
automation fund established in each county. Moneys in the  
special fund shall be used solely for the purpose of automation  
and continued automation update of the office of the  
prothonotary.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.

APPROVED--The 21st day of December, A. D. 1998.

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