
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1193 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BROWNE, GORDNER, YAW, KILLION, PITTMAN, REGAN,
COSTA, FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, MENSCH, HUGHES, COLLETT, J. WARD,
BREWSTER, KEARNEY, HAYWOOD, MUTH, TARTAGLIONE, VOGEL,
STEFANO, YUDICHAK AND BARTOLOTTA, JUNE 8, 2020

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 8, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 9, 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), entitled "An
2 act providing for the education and training of sheriffs and
3 deputy sheriffs; creating the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff
4 Education and Training Board under the Pennsylvania
5 Commission on Crime and Delinquency; providing for the powers
6 and duties of the board and the Attorney General;
7 establishing the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and
8 Training Account; providing for a surcharge on sheriffs'
9 fees; and providing penalties," further providing for Sheriff
10 and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Account.

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

13 Section 1. Section 8(b) and (b.1) of the act of February 9,
14 1984 (P.L.3, No.2), known as the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff
15 Education and Training Act, are amended to read:

16 Section 8. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training
17 Account.

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19 (b) Surcharge.--There is hereby assessed a surcharge on each
20 fee collected by the sheriff of every county upon acceptance for
21 each service required for any complaint, summons, writ or other

1 legal paper required to be served or posted by the sheriff.

2 Surcharges shall be assessed as follows:

3 [(1) Beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31,
4 1998, the surcharge shall be \$6.]

5 [(2) Beginning January 1, 1999, through December 31,
6 1999, the surcharge shall be \$8.]

7 [(3) Beginning January 1, 2000, and thereafter, the
8 surcharge shall be \$10.]

9 (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31,
10 2021, the surcharge shall be \$16.

11 (2) Beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31,
12 2022, the surcharge shall be \$18.

13 (3) Beginning January 1, 2023, and thereafter, the
14 surcharge shall be \$20.

15 (b.1) Surcharge in counties of first and second class.--In
16 counties of the first and second class, a surcharge shall be
17 collected by the prothonotary of that county for each defendant
18 named in a document filed to commence an action pursuant to
19 Pa.R.C.P. No.1007, except when service is made by a competent
20 adult in the actions listed in Pa.R.C.P. Nos.400(b) and
21 400.1(c). One dollar of the surcharge shall be retained by the
22 prothonotary to cover administrative costs incurred by
23 collecting the surcharge and to support any technology and
24 automation improvements or upgrades for the prothonotary, and
25 the balance shall be transmitted semiannually to the State
26 Treasurer for deposit into the account. Surcharges shall be
27 assessed as follows:

28 [(1) Beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31,
29 1998, the surcharge shall be \$7.]

30 [(2) Beginning January 1, 1999, through December 31,

1 1999, the surcharge shall be \$9.

2 (3) Beginning January 1, 2000, and thereafter, the
3 surcharge shall be \$11.]

4 (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31,
5 2021, the surcharge shall be \$17.

6 (2) Beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31,
7 2022, the surcharge shall be \$19.

8 (3) Beginning January 1, 2023, and thereafter, the
9 surcharge shall be \$21.

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.