Statutes Authorizing PDAP & Related to Dues

Effective: December 24, 2018

16 P.S. § 440 **§ 440. State associations authorized**

County officers of each county may organize for themselves a State association as follows:

(1) The county commissioners, together with the county solicitor and the chief clerk to the county commissioners and certain officers who are counterpart personnel in counties having a Home Rule Charter or optional form of government.

(2) The county controllers.

(3) The sheriffs.

(4) The district attorneys.

(5) The probation officers.

(6) The registers of wills and clerks of orphans' courts.

(7) The prothonotaries and clerks of courts.

(8) The county treasurers.

(9) The recorders of deeds.

(10) The directors of veterans' affairs.

(11) The coroners.

(12) Jury commissioners.

(13) The county auditors.

(14) The public defenders.

**Credits**

1955, Aug. 9, P.L. 323, § 440. Amended 1957, May 27, P.L. 206, § 1; 1961, April 28, P.L. 154, § 1; 1967, Aug. 11, P.L. 224, § 1; 1967, Sept. 1, P.L. 289, § 1; 1976, Nov. 23, P.L. 1128, No. 239, § 1, imd. effective; 1978, Sept. 28, P.L. 800, No. 154, § 1, imd. effective; [2018, Oct. 24, P.L. 931, No. 154, § 14](https://1.next.westlaw.com/Link/Document/FullText?findType=l&pubNum=1077005&cite=UUID(ID620ECE0DB-AC11E8BB2ED-8FFD26784F8)&originatingDoc=N84A05C20031111E98DB4C900B63AF1FA&refType=SL&originationContext=document&transitionType=DocumentItem&ppcid=029e90b265b2464da5de7d482d92c8c1&contextData=(sc.Document)), effective in 60 days [Dec. 24, 2018].

**Editors' Notes**

COUNTY CODE COMMENTS

The analogous section of the SCCC, Section 432 contains no authorization for coroners and auditors to have state associations, but does contain an authorization for a public defender state organization, which is not authorized in the County Code. It was decided to make this provision consistent for second class A through eighth class counties by adding public defender associations to this section. Analogous to SCCC Section 432. [PA Local Gov't Comm. <http://www.lgc.state.pa.us>, *Act 154 of 2018 (SB 1005, PN 2026) Section-by-Section Commentary,* 2017-18 Sess. (2018)]

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**§ 444. Other meeting expenses paid by counties**

(a) In addition to the expenses authorized in this subdivision, the necessary expenses of the annual meetings[[1]](#footnote-1) of the associations hereinafter named, including annual association dues, printing, committee expenses and stenographical expense, shall be paid in equal parts by the counties whose officers are members of the respective associations.

(b) In the case of county commissioners, county solicitor and county clerk, county controllers, county auditors, sheriffs, register of wills, clerks of orphans' courts, county treasurers, recorders of deeds, prothonotaries, clerks of courts, public defenders, district attorneys, jury commissioners, coroners and, in the case of second class A counties, directors of veterans' affairs, the portion of annual expenses charged to each county shall not exceed the following:

(1) For each county of the second class A, one thousand dollars ($1,000).

(2) For each county of the third and fourth class, seven hundred fifty dollars ($750).

(3) For each county of the fifth and sixth class, six hundred twenty-five dollars ($625).

(4) For each county of the seventh and eighth class, five hundred dollars ($500).

(c) In the case of the directors of veterans' affairs for counties other than those of the second class A, the portion charged to each county shall not exceed four hundred dollars ($400), and in the case of the probation officers an annual membership subscription not exceeding twelve dollars and fifty cents ($12.50) per member shall be paid by the county, and shall be in lieu of the expenses hereinbefore in this section provided for other county officers.

(d) The amounts set forth in subsections (b) and (c) shall be adjusted annually by the annual increase in the cost of living as determined annually by the United States Department of Labor.

1. §443 permits payment of up to $220 per day, for up to 4 days, to attend an annual meeting of an association. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)