

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Resistance to Act 57 (Law Enforcement Background Investigations & Employment Information Act)

Question (from Carbon County)

Carbon County elected to not participate in Act 57. We have a Commissioner who votes no for any adult or juvenile probation positions at every salary board hearing. He then articulates for the media that he is voting no due to our lack of compliance with Act 57. AOPC has had conversations with the Commissioners solicitor and the Commissioners. The other two have been voting yes. All positions have been approved but....

My President Judge & Court Administrator were inquiring if other Counties are experiencing similar resistance.

Adams County

Does participate in Act 57

Allegheny County

Opted out of Act 57 with the support of our AJ and PJ. We have had no issues since.

Beaver County

No resistance

Bradford County

Opted out of Act 57 with the support of our PJ

Centre County

Does not participate in Act 57

Clearfield County

Does not participate and no issues with commissioners regarding Act 57

Columbia County

PJ at the time opted not to be involved

Dauphin County

Same as Allegheny

Elk County

Opted out of Act 57 with the support of our PJ

Erie County

Does not currently participate. This was supported by the PJ and Court Administrator. No resistance at all. We are considering participating at a later time. Wanted to see how implementation went in other counties.

Lackawanna County

Opted out of Act 57 with full support of the President Judge and Court Administrator

Lancaster County

We opted in to Act 57 based on a few previous (not-so-good) hires that would not have happened if Act 57 had been in place at the time.

Our County Human Resources department actually created and hired a position to coordinate/manage Act 57 for all Court & County departments that follow it. So, it has had minimal impact on our workload. The downside of course, has been the added time to the new hire process. On average, it has added 22 days to our new hire process.

Lycoming County

Does participate in Act 57

Pike County

Opted out of Act 57 with full support of the President Judge

Somerset County

Opted out of Act 57 with the support of our President Judge. Have not had any issues.

Westmoreland County

No resistance

Wyoming & Sullivan Counties

We have not had that type of resistance in Wyoming and Sullivan Counties