

## COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

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TO: All Individuals and Groups interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM:  Philip A. Fitch, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: FBI Fingerprint Card Processing Fee Increase

Wednesday afternoon, January 31, 1990, we discovered through a routine business telephone call with staff at the California Department of Justice that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be raising its fingerprint card processing fee from \$14 to \$20 effective with cards received in Washington, D.C., on March 1, 1990. This makes the total fee for fingerprint card processing \$38.50.

We spent a large part of yesterday on the telephone trying to find out why we were not sent a notice of the change by the Department of Justice when they were notified in December and, more important, what we can do about the problem now.

The Department of Justice must have the fingerprint cards by the close of business February 15 in order to get them to the FBI by their deadline. Neither agency appears able to change the deadline for us despite our not receiving advance notice. We will make every effort to pull the cards from the 3,000 or so applications that we currently have in the office and submit them to DOJ before that deadline. If we cannot get them submitted, either we or DOJ will pay the extra charge.

We ask that you not accept \$32.50 fingerprint card processing fees after Friday, February 9th, and that you send every application that you have with a \$32.50 fee to us so that they arrive here no later than Wednesday, February 14.

**All applications with fingerprint cards filed after February 9, 1990, or received by the Commission after February 14, 1990, must include the \$38.50 fingerprint card processing fee.** If you cannot get an application to us in time and must ask an applicant for the additional \$6, you may have them attach a personal check for that amount.

For each of us, this situation ranges from from merely inconvenient to nearly intolerable. Let's do our best to get the information out and put the problem behind us. Thank you for your cooperation.