

HB 823 is now **Act 48, 2015**.

The bill was signed by the Governor **October 22, 2015**.

HB823 makes some key changes to Act 164. Some of them are:

- Mandatory credit requirements are reduced from 6 per year to 2 per term. These mandatory credits must be completed in the first 3 years of the term.
 - Attendance at an annual meeting of the PA State Tax Collectors' Association or a similar organization that includes an educational component shall qualify as one hour of continuing education.
- Basic Qualification and examination is required for all new tax collectors.
- Criminal background clearance is required for all new tax collectors.

The above changes become effective **January 1, 2017**.

Effective immediately until December 31, 2016, continuing education credits are optional and no longer mandatory.

- All tax collectors in office on the effective date of **January 1, 2017** will be considered "qualified".
- An individual elected to the office of tax collector, for the term beginning **January 1, 2016** is required to submit a criminal background check to the municipality **prior** to their Oath of Office.

The President of the Crawford County Tax Collectors Association was informed that continuing education credits earned by collectors in 2015 will be credited to them, beginning **January 1, 2017**. The DCED will be mailing information to each collector shortly.

Crawford County Tax Collector Association is endorsing the PSTCA optional enrichment continuing education program. Collectors who participate in this optional program and obtain the requisite continuing education credits will be awarded the PQMC designation (PA Qualified Municipal Collector), 6 credit hours per year being continued.