

RULE [82] 453. JOINDER OF OFFENSES AND DEFENDANTS.

[(a)] (A) When more than one person is alleged to have participated in the commission of a summary offense, the issuing authority shall accept one citation or complaint for each person charged. The citations or complaints against such persons may be consolidated for trial.

[(b)] (B) When more than one summary offense is alleged to have been committed by one person arising from the same incident, the matter shall proceed as a single case and the issuing authority shall receive only one set of costs.

COMMENT: This rule is **[new to Chapter 50. It is]** based upon comparable **provisions in** Rule **[105] 505 [, which applies] that apply** in court cases.

Paragraph **[(a)] (A)** is intended to make clear that the costs in a summary case in which there are multiple defendants would be assessed against each individual defendant even when the defendants' cases are consolidated for trial.

NOTE: **Rule 82 [A]** adopted July 12, 1985, effective January 1, 1986; January 1, 1986 effective date extended to July 1, 1986; amended February 1, 1989, effective July 1, 1989; *Comment* revised August 9, 1994, effective January 1, 1995 **[.] ; renumbered Rule 453 and amended March 1, 2000, effective April 1, 2001.**

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Final Report explaining the March 1, 2000 reorganization and renumbering of the rules published with the Court's Order at Pa.B. _____, 2000).