- (4) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1996, 1997, AND 1998 ONLY, A 911 SERVICE CARRIER OTHER THAN A TELEPHONE COMPANY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CREDIT AGAINST THE PROCEEDS OF THE 911 FEE TO BE REMITTED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 2 1/2 PERCENT OF THE 911 FEE TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF BILLING, COLLECTING, AND REMITTING THE 911 FEE AND ANY ADDITIONAL CHARGES.
- (c) (1) In addition to the 911 fee imposed by subsection (b) of this section, the governing body of each county may by ordinance or resolution after public hearing enact or adopt an additional charge not to exceed 50 cents per month to be applied to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service, WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE, OR OTHER 911-ACCESSIBLE SERVICE within that county. The amount of the additional charge may not exceed a level necessary to cover the total amount of eligible operation and maintenance costs of the county.
- (2) The additional charge shall continue in effect until repealed or modified by a subsequent ordinance or resolution.
- (3) (I) Upon adopting, repealing, or modifying an additional charge, the county shall certify the amount of the additional charge to the Public Service Commission which on 60 days' notice shall direct the telephone companies to add the full amount of the additional charge to all current bills rendered for switched local exchange access service in each county which imposed that additional charge.
- (II) WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ENACTMENT OF A COUNTY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION THAT ADOPTS, REPEALS, OR MODIFIES AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE, ALL 911 SERVICE CARRIERS PROVIDING SERVICE WITHIN THAT COUNTY SHALL ADD THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO ALL CURRENT BILLS RENDERED FOR WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE OR OTHER 911-ACCESSIBLE SERVICE IN EACH COUNTY THAT IMPOSED THAT ADDITIONAL CHARGE.
- (4) The telephone companies AND 911 SERVICE CARRIERS shall act as collection agents for the 911 Trust Fund with respect to the additional charges imposed by each county. Revenues from the additional charge shall be collected by the telephone companies AND 911 SERVICE CARRIERS on a county basis and remitted monthly to the Comptroller for deposit to the 911 Trust Fund account maintained for the county which imposed the additional charge.
- (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE 911 FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INTERMEDIATE SERVICE LINE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO CONNECT A WIRELESS TELEPHONE-SERVICE OR OTHER 911-ACCESSIBLE SERVICE OTHER THAN A SWITCHED LOCAL ACCESS SERVICE TO ANOTHER TELEPHONE SYSTEM OR SWITCHING DEVICE.
- [(d)](E) The Secretary shall administer the 911 Trust Fund subject to the provisions for financial management and budgeting established by the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning. The Secretary shall cause the Comptroller to establish separate accounts for the payment of administrative expenses and for each county within