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**Cosponsors: Representatives Manning, Celebrezze, Rogers, Seitz, Barnes,  
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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1  
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 2  
of the Revised Code to create the Paulding 3  
County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 4  
2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in 5  
that court, to provide for the nomination of the 6  
judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding 7  
County County Court on that date, and to provide 8  
for the election for the Paulding County 9  
Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019. 10

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 11  
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised 12  
Code be amended to read as follows: 13

**Sec. 1901.01.** (A) There is hereby established a municipal 14  
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 15

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 16  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 17

Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 18  
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 19  
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 20  
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 21  
Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 22  
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 23  
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 24  
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 25  
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 26  
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 27  
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 28  
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Philadelphia, Newton Falls, Niles, 29  
Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, Painesville, Parma, 30  
Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky 31  
River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, 32  
Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, 33  
Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, 34  
Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of Washington in Fayette 35  
county, to be known as Washington Court House, Willoughby, 36  
Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville. 37

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 38  
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 39  
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 40  
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 41  
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 42  
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 43  
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 44  
this division. 45

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 46  
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 47  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 48

county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 49  
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 50  
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 51  
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 52

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 53  
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 54  
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 55  
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 56  
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 57  
authority of that court. 58

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 59  
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 60  
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 61

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 62  
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 63

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 64  
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 65  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 66  
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 67  
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 68  
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 69  
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 70  
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 71

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 72  
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 73  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 74  
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 75  
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 76  
legislative authority of that court. 77

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by 78  
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 79  
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 80  
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 81  
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 82  
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 83  
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 84  
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 85  
"..... municipal court," inserting 86  
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 87  
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 88

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 89  
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 90  
court"; 91

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 92  
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 93  
court"; 94

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 95  
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 96

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 97  
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 98

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 99  
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 100

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 101  
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 102

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 103  
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 104

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 105

- be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 106
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 107  
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 108  
court"; 109
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 110  
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 111
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 112  
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 113
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 114  
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 115
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 116  
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 117
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 118  
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 119
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 120  
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 121
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 122  
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 123
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 124  
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 125  
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 126  
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 127  
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 128
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 129  
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 130  
"Clinton county municipal court"; 131
- (19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 132

shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court"; 133  
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(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 135  
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 136  
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 137

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 138  
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 139  
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 140  
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 141  
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 142

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 143  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 144  
"Brown county municipal court"; 145

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 146  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 147  
"Morrow county municipal court"; 148

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 149  
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 150  
"Darke county municipal court"; 151

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 152  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 153  
"Holmes county municipal court"; 154

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 155  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 156  
"Carroll county municipal court"; 157

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 158  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 159  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 160

the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 161  
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 162  
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 163  
court"; 164

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 165  
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 166  
"Putnam county municipal court"; 167

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 168  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 169  
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 170  
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 171  
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 172  
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 173  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 174  
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 175  
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 176

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 177  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 178  
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 179  
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 180  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 181  
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 182  
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 183

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 184  
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 185  
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 186

(32) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 187  
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 188  
"Paulding county municipal court." 189

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 190  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 191  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 192

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 193  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 194  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 195  
county. 196

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 197  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 198  
county. 199

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 200  
Ashland county. 201

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 202  
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 203

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 204  
Athens county. 205

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 206  
within Auglaize county. 207

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 208  
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 209

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 210  
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 211  
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, 212  
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in 213  
Summit county. 214

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the 215  
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, 216  
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, 217



Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	218
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	219
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	220
Logan county.	221
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	222
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	223
in Sandusky county.	224
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	225
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	226
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	227
township, in Cuyahoga county.	228
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	229
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	230
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	231
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	232
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	233
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	234
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	235
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	236
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal	237
court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	238
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	239
county.	240
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	241
Guernsey county.	242
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	243
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	244
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	245

Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in Stark county.	246
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The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within Carroll county.	248
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The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	250
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The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	252
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The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	254
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The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	256
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The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	258
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The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	260
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The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	262
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The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	264
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Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	266
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The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and St. Clair townships.	268
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The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	272

Coshocton county.	273
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	274
within Crawford county.	275
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	276
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	277
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	278
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	279
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	280
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	281
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	282
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	283
municipal corporation of Bradford.	284
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	285
Defiance county.	286
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	287
Delaware county.	288
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	289
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	290
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	291
county.	292
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	293
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	294
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	295
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	296
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	297
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	298
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	299
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	300

Vermilion.	301
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	302
municipal corporation of Beaver creek and within Bath and	303
Beaver creek townships in Greene county.	304
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	305
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	306
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	307
Hancock county except within Washington township.	308
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	309
Franklin township in Warren county.	310
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	311
within Franklin county.	312
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	313
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	314
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	315
Gallia county.	316
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	317
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	318
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	319
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	320
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	321
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	322
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	323
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	324
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	325
within Hamilton county.	326
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	327

Hardin county.	328
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	329
of Highland county except within Madison township.	330
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	331
Hocking county.	332
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	333
Holmes county.	334
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	335
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	336
corporation of Sandusky.	337
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	338
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	339
townships in Lawrence county.	340
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	341
Jackson county.	342
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	343
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	344
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	345
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	346
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	347
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	348
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	349
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	350
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	351
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	352
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	353
Licking county.	354

The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen county.	355 356
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield township, in Lorain county.	357 358 359
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga county.	360 361 362 363
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison county.	364 365
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy, Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships, and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in Richland county.	366 367 368 369 370
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington county.	371 372
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion county.	373 374
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within Union county.	375 376
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within Deerfield township in Warren county.	377 378
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson townships in Stark county.	379 380 381

The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the 382  
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within 383  
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions 384  
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of 385  
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas 386  
county. 387

The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the 388  
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- 389  
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick 390  
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, 391  
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in 392  
Medina county. 393

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 394  
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 395

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 396  
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 397  
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 398

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 399  
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 400  
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 401

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 402  
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 403  
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 404

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 405  
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 406  
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 407  
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 408  
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 409  
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 410

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	411 412
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox county.	413 414
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry county.	415 416
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas county.	417 418 419 420 421
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	422 423 424
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield township in Trumbull county.	425 426 427
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	428 429 430
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	431 432 433 434 435 436
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	437 438



township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the Toledo municipal court.

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within Ottawa county.

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in Lake county.

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn Heights in Cuyahoga county.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal court has jurisdiction within Paulding county.

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, in Wood county.

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within Portage county.

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within Scioto county.

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within Putnam county.

The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in

Cuyahoga county.	467
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	468
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	469
Perkins township, in Erie county.	470
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal	471
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except	472
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and	473
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	474
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	475
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	476
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	477
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	478
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and	479
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32,	480
in Richland county.	481
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby	482
county.	483
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has	484
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore	485
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal	486
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe	487
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	488
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	489
The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the	490
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and	491
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning	492
county.	493
The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the	494

municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 495  
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 496  
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 497  
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 498  
in Lucas county. 499

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 500  
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 501  
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 502  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 503  
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 504  
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 505  
Millgrove, in Wood county. 506

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 507  
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 508  
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 509

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 510  
Wyandot county. 511

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 512  
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 513  
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 514  
county. 515

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 516  
Wert county. 517

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 518  
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 519  
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 520  
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 521

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 522  
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 523

Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 524  
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 525

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 526  
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 527  
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 528  
county. 529

The Washington Court House municipal court has 530  
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 531

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 532  
Wayne county. 533

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 534  
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 535  
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 536  
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 537  
county. 538

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 539  
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 540

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 541  
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 542  
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 543  
Greene county. 544

(C) As used in this section: 545

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 546  
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 547  
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 548  
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 549  
governmentally a part of the township. 550

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 551

within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 552  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 553  
corporation. 554

**Sec. 1901.03.** As used in this chapter: 555

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 556  
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 557  
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 558

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 559  
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 560  
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 561  
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 562  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 563

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 564  
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 565  
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 566  
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 567  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 568

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 569  
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 570  
operated municipal court, is located. 571

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 572  
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 573  
operated municipal court, is located. 574

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 575  
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, 576  
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, 577  
Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 578  
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 579  
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 580

county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 581  
1, ~~2013~~ 2020, also includes the ~~Sandusky~~ Paulding county 582  
municipal court. 583

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 584  
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 585  
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 586  
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 587  
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 588

**Sec. 1901.07.** (A) All municipal court judges shall be 589  
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 590  
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 591  
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 592  
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 593  
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 594  
commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 595  
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 596  
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 597

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 598  
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 599  
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 600  
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 601  
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 602  
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 603  
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 604  
municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 605  
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 606  
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 607  
of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 608

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 609  
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 610

located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 611  
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 612  
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 613  
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 614  
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 615  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 616  
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 617  
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 618  
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 619  
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 620  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 621  
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 622  
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 623  
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 624  
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 625  
political party for election to the office does not exceed the 626  
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 627  
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 628  
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 629  
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 630  
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 631  
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 632

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 633  
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 634  
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 635  
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 636  
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 637  
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 638  
nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 639  
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 640  
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 641

to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 642  
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 643  
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 644  
territory of the court. 645

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 646  
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 647  
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 648  
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 649  
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 650  
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 651  
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 652  
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 653  
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 654  
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 655  
of municipal court judges. 656

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 657  
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 658  
and elected as follows: 659

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 660  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 661  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 662  
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 663  
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 664  
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 665  
offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 666  
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 667  
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 668  
in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 669  
court of common pleas. 670

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 671



nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 672  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 673  
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 674  
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 675  
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 676  
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 677  
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 678  
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 679  
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 680  
common pleas. 681

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 682  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 683  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 684  
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 685  
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 686  
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 687  
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 688  
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 689  
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 690  
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 691  
of common pleas. 692

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 693  
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 694  
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 695  
of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 696  
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 697  
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 698  
prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 699  
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 700  
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 701  
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 702

electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 703  
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 704  
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 705

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 706  
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 707  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 708  
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 709  
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 710  
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 711  
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 712  
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 713  
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 714

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 715  
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Paulding, 716  
Putnam, Sandusky, and Wayne county municipal courts, the judges 717  
shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall be 718  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court 719  
and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 720

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 721  
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 722  
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 723

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 724  
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 725  
jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 726  
the first day of January after the election. 727

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 728  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 729  
their terms shall be as follows: 730

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 731

be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 732  
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 733  
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 734

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 735  
be elected in 1953. 736

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 737  
be elected in 1951. 738

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 739  
shall be elected in 1953. 740

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 741  
shall be elected in 1967. 742

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 743  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 744

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 745  
shall be elected in 2017. On and after ~~the effective date of~~ 746  
~~this amendment~~ September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the 747  
Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as 748  
a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's 749  
term on December 31, 2017. 750

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 751  
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 752  
elected in 1971. 753

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 754  
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 755  
1979. 756

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 757  
shall be elected in 1993. 758

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	759 760
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	761 762
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983.	763 764
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	765 766 767 768 769 770
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	771 772
In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	773 774
In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	775 776
In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	777 778 779
In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until December 31, 2009.	780 781 782 783 784 785
In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	786

be elected in 1957.	787
In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time	788
judge shall be elected in 2001.	789
In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	790
be elected in 1963.	791
In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge	792
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	793
elected in 1977.	794
In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge	795
shall be elected in 1953.	796
In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge	797
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be	798
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield	799
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as	800
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1,	801
1988, until the end of their respective terms.	802
In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time	803
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall	804
be elected in 1999.	805
In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges	806
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be	807
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in	808
1955.	809
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	810
judge shall be elected in 1957.	811
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	812
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	813
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	814

of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 815  
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 816

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 817  
judges shall be elected in 2001. 818

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 819  
be elected in 1953. 820

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 821  
shall be elected in 1951. 822

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 823  
judge shall be elected in 1977. 824

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 825  
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 826  
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 827  
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 828  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 829  
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 830  
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 831  
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 832  
December 31, 2013, respectively. 833

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 834  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 835  
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 836  
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 837  
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 838  
December 31, 2005. 839

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 840  
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 841  
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 842  
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 843

their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 844  
second day of January next after their election. 845

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 846  
be elected in 1957. 847

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 848  
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 849  
2007. 850

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 851  
shall be elected in 1957. 852

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 853  
shall be elected in 1953. 854

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 855  
elected in 1973. 856

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 857  
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 858  
1973. 859

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 860  
shall be elected in 2007. 861

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 862  
be elected in 1951. 863

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall 864  
be elected in 1977. 865

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time 866  
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be 867  
elected in 2005. 868

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge 869  
shall be elected in 1989. 870

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall 871  
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 872  
1993. 873

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall 874  
be elected in 1951. 875

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time 876  
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 877  
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 878  
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 879  
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 880  
shall be elected in 1997. 881

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 882  
be elected in 1975. 883

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 884  
shall be elected in 1981. 885

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 886  
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 887  
elected in 1981. 888

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 889  
be elected in 1963. 890

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 891  
be elected in 1953. 892

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 893  
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 894  
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 895  
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 896  
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 897  
the first day of January next after their election, except that 898



the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 899  
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 900  
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 901  
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 902

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 903  
shall be elected in 1989. 904

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 905  
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 906  
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 907  
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 908  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 909

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 910  
shall be elected in 1977. 911

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 912  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 913  
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 914  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 915  
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 916  
court until December 31, 2007. 917

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 918  
elected in 1967. 919

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 920  
be elected in 1951. 921

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 922  
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 923  
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 924  
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 925  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 926

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 927  
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 928  
elected in 1975. 929

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 930  
be elected in 1955. 931

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 932  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 933  
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 934  
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 935  
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 936  
court until the end of those judges' terms. 937

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 938  
judge shall be elected in 1981. 939

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 940  
be elected in 1955. 941

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 942  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 943  
elected in 1971. 944

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 945  
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 946  
1967. 947

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 948  
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 949  
1973. 950

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 951  
shall be elected in 1957. 952

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 953  
shall be elected in 1981. 954

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 955  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 956  
elected in 1969. 957

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall 958  
be elected in 1957. 959

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall 960  
be elected in 1951. 961

In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge 962  
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the 963  
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was 964  
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 965  
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 966

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 967  
elected in 1965. 968

In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge 969  
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 970  
elected in 1971. 971

In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall 972  
be elected in 1963. 973

In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 974  
be elected in 1957. 975

In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall 976  
be elected in 1971. 977

In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge 978  
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 979  
elected in 1979. 980

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge 981

shall be elected in 1951. 982

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 983  
shall be elected in 1953. 984

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 985

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 986  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 987  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 988  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 989  
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 990  
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 991  
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 992  
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 993  
county county court that existed before that date whose term 994  
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 995  
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 996  
2011. 997

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 998  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 999  
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1000  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1001  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1002  
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1003  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1004

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1005  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1006  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1007  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1008  
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1009  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1010

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1011  
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1012  
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1013  
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1014  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1015  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1016  
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1017  
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1018  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1019  
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1020  
December 31, 2013. 1021

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1022  
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1023  
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1024  
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1025  
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1026  
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1027

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1028  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1029  
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1030  
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1031  
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1032

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1033  
shall be elected in 1951. 1034

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1035  
be elected in 2005. 1036

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1037  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1038

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1039

shall be elected in 1963. 1040

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be  
elected in 1951. 1041  
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In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall  
be elected in 1975. 1043  
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In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall  
be elected in 1953. 1045  
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In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall  
be elected in 1989. 1047  
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In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall  
be elected in 1963. 1049  
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In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge  
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port  
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as  
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,  
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1051  
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In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge  
shall be elected in 1951. 1056  
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In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be  
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,  
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1058  
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In the Paulding county municipal court to be established  
on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in  
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In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge  
shall be elected in 1977. 1064  
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In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1066

judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1067  
be elected in 1971. 1068

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1069  
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1070  
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1071  
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1072  
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1073

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1074  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1075  
elected in 1985. 1076

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1077  
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1078  
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1079  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1080  
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1081  
court until December 31, 2011. 1082

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1083  
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1084  
elected in 1971. 1085

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1086  
be elected in 1953. 1087

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1088  
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1089  
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1090  
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 1091  
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1092  
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1093  
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1094  
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1095

time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1096  
31, 2013. 1097

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1098  
shall be elected in 1957. 1099

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1100  
be elected in 1957. 1101

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1102  
be elected in 1995. 1103

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1104  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1105  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1106  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1107  
January 1, 2000. 1108

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1109  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1110  
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1111  
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1112  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1113  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1114

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1115  
shall be elected in 1953. 1116

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1117  
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1118  
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1119  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1120  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1121  
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1122  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1123  
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1124



1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009. 1125  
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In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963. 1127  
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In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963. 1129  
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In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 1131  
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In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1133  
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In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full-time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1136  
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In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1959. 1142  
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In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957. 1144  
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In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965. 1146  
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In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981. 1148  
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In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1150  
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In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2000. 1153  
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In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. 1158  
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In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951. 1161  
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In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1163  
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In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977. 1168  
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In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 1170  
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In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. 1173  
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**Sec. 1901.312.** (A) As used in this section, "health care coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the Revised Code. 1175  
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(B) The legislative authority, after consultation with the clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, shall negotiate 1178  
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and contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure group health 1180  
care coverage for the clerk and deputy clerks and their spouses 1181  
and dependents from insurance companies authorized to engage in 1182  
the business of insurance in this state under Title XXXIX of the 1183  
Revised Code or health insuring corporations holding 1184  
certificates of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised 1185  
Code, except that if the county or municipal corporation served 1186  
by the legislative authority provides group health care coverage 1187  
for its employees, the group health care coverage required by 1188  
this section shall be provided, if possible, through the policy 1189  
or plan under which the group health care coverage is provided 1190  
for the county or municipal corporation employees. 1191

(C) The portion of the costs, premiums, or charges for the 1192  
group health care coverage procured pursuant to division (B) of 1193  
this section that is not paid by the clerk and deputy clerks of 1194  
the municipal court, or all of the costs, premiums, or charges 1195  
for the group health care coverage if the clerk and deputy 1196  
clerks will not be paying any such portion, shall be paid as 1197  
follows: 1198

(1) If the municipal court is a county-operated municipal 1199  
court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges or all of 1200  
the costs, premiums, or charges shall be paid out of the 1201  
treasury of the county. 1202

(2) (a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1203  
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1204  
in connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or 1205  
charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three- 1206  
fifths and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and 1207  
appropriate county treasuries as described in division (C) of 1208  
section 1901.31 of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a 1209

city treasury is subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 1210  
of the Revised Code. 1211

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1212  
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1213  
in connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, 1214  
premiums, or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall 1215  
be paid from the city treasury and shall be subject to 1216  
apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1217

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the 1218  
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Paulding county, Portage 1219  
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court, if 1220  
health care coverage is provided to the clerk by virtue of the 1221  
clerk's employment as the clerk of the court of common pleas of 1222  
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Paulding county, Portage 1223  
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county. 1224

**Sec. 1901.34.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1225  
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1226  
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1227  
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1228  
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1229  
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1230  
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1231  
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1232  
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1233  
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1234  
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1235  
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1236  
within the territory of the municipal court. 1237

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1238  
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1239

Ottawa county, Paulding county, Portage county, and Putnam 1240  
county prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court 1241  
all violations of state law arising in their respective 1242  
counties. The Carroll county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, 1243  
Madison county, and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and 1244  
beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county prosecuting attorney 1245  
shall prosecute all violations of state law arising within the 1246  
unincorporated areas of their respective counties. The 1247  
Columbiana county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the 1248  
Columbiana county municipal court all violations of state law 1249  
arising in the county, except for violations arising in the 1250  
municipal corporation of East Liverpool, Liverpool township, or 1251  
St. Clair township. The Darke county prosecuting attorney shall 1252  
prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all violations of 1253  
state law arising in the county, except for violations of state 1254  
law arising in the municipal corporation of Greenville and 1255  
violations of state law arising in the village of Versailles. 1256  
The Greene county board of county commissioners may provide for 1257  
the prosecution of all violations of state law arising within 1258  
the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located in 1259  
Greene county. The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall 1260  
prosecute in the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, 1261  
misdemeanor, and traffic violations arising in the 1262  
unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay 1263  
and all felony violations of state law and all violations 1264  
involving a state or county agency arising within the 1265  
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1266  
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1267  
prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1268  
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1269  
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1270

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1271  
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1272  
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1273  
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1274  
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1275  
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1276  
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1277  
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1278  
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1279  
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1280

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1281  
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1282  
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1283  
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1284  
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1285  
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1286  
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1287  
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1288  
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1289

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1290  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1291  
Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an 1292  
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1293  
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1294  
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1295  
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1296  
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1297  
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1298  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1299  
Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an 1300  
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1301

the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective 1302  
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the 1303  
Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, 1304  
Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, 1305  
Paulding county, Portage county, or Putnam county municipal 1306  
court for violations of the ordinances of the municipal 1307  
corporation or for criminal offenses other than violations of 1308  
state law occurring within the municipal corporation. For 1309  
prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the 1310  
municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the 1311  
municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county 1312  
treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the office of the 1313  
prosecuting attorney. 1314

**Sec. 1907.11.** (A) Each county court district shall have 1315  
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1316

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1317  
shall be elected in 1982. 1318

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1319  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1320  
elected in 1982. 1321

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1322  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1323  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1324  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1325

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1326  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1327  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1328  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1329

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1330

one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1331  
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In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1333  
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In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1336  
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In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1338  
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In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1340  
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In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1995, respectively. 1344  
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In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1349  
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In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1351  
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In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1353  
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In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1355  
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In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1358  
shall be elected in 1982. 1359

~~In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge 1360  
shall be elected in 1982. 1361~~

In the Perry county county court, one part-time judge 1362  
shall be elected in 1982. 1363

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1364  
be elected in 1982. 1365

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1366  
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1367  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1368  
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1369  
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1370  
1, 2013. 1371

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1372  
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1373  
elected in 1994. 1374

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1375  
shall be elected in 1982. 1376

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1377  
shall be elected in 1982. 1378

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1379  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1380  
elected in 1982. 1381

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1382  
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1383  
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1384

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1385  
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1386  
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1387  
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1388

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1389  
1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the 1390  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1391

**Section 3.** (A) Effective January 1, 2020, the Paulding 1392  
County County Court is abolished. 1393

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 1394  
proceedings pending in the Paulding County County Court at the 1395  
close of business on December 31, 2019, shall be transferred to 1396  
and proceed in the Paulding County Municipal Court on January 1, 1397  
2020, as if originally instituted in the Paulding County 1398  
Municipal Court. Parties to those causes, judgments, executions, 1399  
and proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that 1400  
are required to conform them to the rules of the Paulding County 1401  
Municipal Court. The Clerk of the Paulding County County Court 1402  
or other custodian shall transfer to the Paulding County 1403  
Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, 1404  
papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and 1405  
persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject 1406  
to the jurisdiction of the Paulding County County Court, or any 1407  
officer of that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, 1408  
executions, and proceedings at the close of business on December 1409  
31, 2019. 1410

(C) All employees of the Paulding County County Court 1411  
shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the 1412  
Paulding County Municipal Court on January 1, 2020. 1413

(D) Effective January 1, 2020, the part-time judgeship in the Paulding County County Court is abolished. 1414  
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**Section 4.** Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2020. 1416  
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**Section 5.** Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 238 and Sub. H.B. 338 of the 128th General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act. 1419  
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