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A BILL

To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of
the Revised Code to create a domestic relations
division of the Delaware County Court of Common
Pleas and to create a judgeship for that
division.

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code.

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Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick,
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(EE)~~—
(FF) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge

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of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 18
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 19
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 20
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 21
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 22
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 23
act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 24
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 25
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 26
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 27

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 28
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 29
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 30
shall be as follows: 31

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 32
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 33

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 34
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 35
term to begin February 9, 1955; 36

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 37
to begin January 9, 1957; 38

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 39
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 40
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 41
begin January 1, 1957; 42

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 43
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 44
term to begin January 1, 2007; 45

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 46

term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	47 48
In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	49 50 51
In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 2008, term to begin February 10, 2009;	52 53 54
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	55 56
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005;	57 58 59
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	60 61
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;	62 63
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	64 65
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979.	66 67 68
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	69 70 71 72
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in	73

1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960,	74
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978,	75
term to begin January 2, 1979;	76
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	77
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990,	78
term to begin July 1, 1991;	79
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	80
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,	81
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004,	82
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in	83
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	84
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in	85
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected	86
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be	87
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	88
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	89
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	90
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	91
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	92
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	93
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	94
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	95
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	96
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	97
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	98
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	99
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	100
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	101
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	102

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	103 104 105 106
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	107 108 109 110
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to begin on January 1, 1971;	111 112 113
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to begin January 2, 2003;	114 115 116 117
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	118 119 120 121
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	122 123 124
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	125 126 127 128
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	129 130 131

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	132 133 134 135 136
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	137 138 139
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	140 141 142 143
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively;	144 145 146
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	147 148 149 150 151
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	152 153 154 155 156 157
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	158 159 160

In Delaware county, ~~two~~three judges, one to be elected in 161
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 162
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 163
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 164

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 165
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 166
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 167
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 168
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 169
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 170
begin January 6, 2001; 171

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 172
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 173
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 174
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 175
begin January 1, 2005; 176

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 177
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 178
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 179
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 180
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 181
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 182
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 183
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 184
January 6, 2007; 185

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 186
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 187
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 188
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 189
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 190

1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989,	191
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992,	192
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms	193
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and	194
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	195
In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in	196
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	197
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in	198
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be	199
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;	200
In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in	201
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be	202
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	203
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	204
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968,	205
term to begin January 2, 1969;	206
In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952,	207
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954,	208
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956,	209
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964,	210
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976,	211
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in	212
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;	213
(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be	214
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning	215
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	216
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on	217
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8,	218
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January	219

1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 220
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In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 233
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In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 247
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January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin	251
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin	252
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin	253
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively;	254
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In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 1993;	259
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In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;	272
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In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and	279
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January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289
In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively;	290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297
In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 2009, respectively.	298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307
Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously	308 309 310

311 elected at the same election, if the office of one of those
312 judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to
313 the second general election preceding the expiration of that
314 judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be
315 abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new
316 office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created.
317 The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a
318 six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that
319 judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that
320 general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so
321 that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not
322 be reduced.

323 Judges of the probate division of the court of common
324 pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be
325 elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised
326 Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and
327 Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas
328 elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of
329 the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the
330 judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county
331 court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also
332 shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the
333 probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28,
334 2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the
335 court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also
336 shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the
337 probate division.

338 **Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the
339 court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953,
340 January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January
341 2, 1997, and successors, shall have the same qualifications,

exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 342
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 343
Franklin county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 344
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 345
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 346
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 347
parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code 348
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 349
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 350
shall be assigned to them. In addition to the judge's regular 351
duties, the judge who is senior in point of service shall serve 352
on the children services board and the county advisory board and 353
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 354
and its subdivisions and departments. 355

(B) In Hamilton county: 356

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 357
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 358
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 359
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 360
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 361
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 362

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 363
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 364
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 365
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 366
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 367
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 368
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 369
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 370
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 371

the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 372
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 373
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 374
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 375
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 376
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 377
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 378
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 379
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 380
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 381
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 382
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 383
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 384
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 385
year. 386

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 387
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 388
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 389
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 390
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 391
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 392
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 393
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 394
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 395

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 396
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 397
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 398
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 399
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 400
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 401
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 402

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 403
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 404
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 405
are parties to an action pending in the division. 406

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 407
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 408
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 409
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 410
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 411
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 412
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 413
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 414
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 415
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 416
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 417
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 418
division of domestic relations. 419

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 420
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 421
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 422
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 423
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 424
relations. 425

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 426
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 427
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 428
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 429
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 430
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 431
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 432

an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved.	433 434 435
(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.	436 437 438 439 440 441 442 443 444 445 446
A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case.	447 448 449 450 451 452 453 454 455 456 457 458 459
A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under	460 461 462

division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that	463
both of the following apply:	464
(a) One of the following applies:	465
(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.	466 467 468 469 470
(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	471 472 473 474 475 476 477 478
(b) All of the following apply:	479
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be imposed.	480 481 482 483
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	484
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	485
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	486 487
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	488 489

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	490
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	491
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	493
(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	504
(C) (1) In Lorain county:	508
(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and	509
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January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.	519 520 521 522 523 524 525 526 527 528 529 530 531 532 533 534
(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised Code.	535 536 537 538 539 540 541
(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the probate judge.	542 543 544 545 546 547 548

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations.	549 550 551 552 553 554 555
(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations.	556 557 558 559 560 561 562
(D) In Lucas county:	563
(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them.	564 565 566 567 568 569 570 571 572
The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.	573 574 575 576 577 578

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in the discharge of their various duties.

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that

judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 610
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 611

(E) In Mahoning county: 612

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 613
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 614
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 615
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 616
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 617
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 618
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 619
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 620
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 621
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 622
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 623
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 624
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 625
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 626
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 627
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 628
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 629

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 630
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 631
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 632
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 633
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 634
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 635
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 636
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 637
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 638
action pending in the division. 639

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas.

(F) In Montgomery county:	671
(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases.	672 673 674 675 676 677 678 679 680
The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.	681 682 683 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 691 692 693 694
(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas,	695 696 697 698 699 700

juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 701
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 702
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 703

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 704
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 705
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 706
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 707
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 708
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 709
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 710
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 711
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 712
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 713
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 714
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 715
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 716
conciliation services that are available upon request to 717
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 718
the division. 719

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 720
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 721
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 722
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 723
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 724
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 725
of those divisions. 726

(G) In Richland county: 727

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 728
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 729
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 730

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 731
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 732
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 733
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 734
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 735
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 736
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 737
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 738
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 739
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 740
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 741
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 742
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 743
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 744
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 745
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 746
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 747
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 748
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 749
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 750
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 751
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 752
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 753
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 754
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 755
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 756
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 757
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 758
of those matters. 759

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 760
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 761

be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile

division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 793
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 794
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 795
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 796
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 797
discharge of the judge's various duties. 798

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 799
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 800
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 801
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 802
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 803
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 804
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 805
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 806
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 807

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 808
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 809
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 810
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 811
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 812
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 813
as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 814
relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 815
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 816
Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile 817
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of 818
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases 819
that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 820
pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 821

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second 822

most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 823
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 824
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 825
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 826
and necessary referees required for the judge's respective 827
court. 828

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 829
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 830
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 831
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 832
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 833
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 834
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 835
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 836
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 837
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 838
juvenile judge to serve. 839

(I) In Summit county: 840

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 841
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 842
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 843
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 844
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 845
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 846
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 847
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 848
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 849
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 850
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 851
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 852

shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 853
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 854
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 855
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 856
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 857
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 858
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 859
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 860

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 861
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 862
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 863
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 864
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 865
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 866
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 867
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 868
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 869
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 870
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 871
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 872
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 873
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 874
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 875
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 876
action pending in the division. 877

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 878
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 879
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 880
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 881
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 882
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 883

shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 884
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 885
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 886
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 887
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 888
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 889
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 890
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 891
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 892
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 893
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 894
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 895
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 896

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 897
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 898
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 899
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 900
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 901
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 902
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 903
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 904
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 905
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 906
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 907
conciliation services that are available upon request to 908
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 909
the division. 910

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 911
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 912
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 913
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 914

as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 915
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 916
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 917
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 918
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 919
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 920
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 921
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 922
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 923
court of common pleas. 924

(K) In Butler county: 925

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 926
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 927
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 928
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 929
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 930
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 931
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 932
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 933
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 934
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 935
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 936
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 937
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 938
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 939
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 940
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 941
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 942
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 943
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 944
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 945

marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases

that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state when the request for the order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of

cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1008
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1009
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1010

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1011
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1012
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1013
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1014
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1015
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1016
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1017
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1018
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1019
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1020
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1021
some special reason. 1022

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1023
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1024
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1025

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1026
supervision; 1027

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1028
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1029

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1030
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1031
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1032
legal separation and annulment matters. 1033

(M) In Lake county: 1034

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1035
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1036

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1037
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1038
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1039
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1040
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1041
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1042
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1043
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1044
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1045
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1046
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1047
division. 1048

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1049
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1050
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1051
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1052
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1053
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1054
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1055
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1056
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1057
division, who request the services. 1058

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1059
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1060
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1061
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1062
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1063
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1064
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1065
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1066
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1067

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1068
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1069
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1070
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1071
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1072
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1073
the judge's various duties. 1074

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1075
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1076
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1077
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1078
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1079
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1080
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1081
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1082
request the services. 1083

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1084
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1085
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1086
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1087
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1088
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1089

(N) In Erie county: 1090

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1091
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1092
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1093
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1094
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1095
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1096
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1097

relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge.

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code.

(O) In Greene county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. 1128
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The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that the division considers necessary and makes available to persons who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of the court of common pleas. 1137
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(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1153
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division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1159
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1160
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1161
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1162
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1163
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1164
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1165
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1166
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1167
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1168
the judge's various duties. 1169

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1170
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1171
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1172
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1173
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1174
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1175
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1176
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1177
request the services. 1178

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1179
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1180
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1181
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1182
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1183
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1184
division. 1185

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1186
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1187
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1188

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1189
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1190
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1191
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1192
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1193
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1194
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1195
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1196
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1197
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1198
domestic relations division. 1199

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1200
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1201
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1202
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1203
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1204
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1205
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1206
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1207
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1208
division, who request the services. 1209

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1210
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1211
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1212
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1213
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1214
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1215
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1216
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1217
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1218
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1219

court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1220
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1221
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1222
domestic relations division. 1223

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1224
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1225
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1226
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1227
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1228
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1229
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1230
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1231
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1232
division, who request the services. 1233

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1234
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1235
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1236
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1237
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1238
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1239
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1240
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1241
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1242
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1243
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1244
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1245
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1246
domestic relations division. 1247

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1248
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1249

the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1250
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1251
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1252
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1253
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1254
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1255
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1256
division, who request the services. 1257

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1258
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1259
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1260
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1261
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1262
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1263
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1264
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1265
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1266
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1267
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1268
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1269
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1270
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1271
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1272
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1273
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1274
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1275
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1276
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1277

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1278
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1279
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1280

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1281
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1282
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1283
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1284
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1285
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1286
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1287
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1288
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1289
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1290
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1291
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1292
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1293

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1294
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1295
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1296
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1297
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1298
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1299
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1300
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1301
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1302
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1303
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1304
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1305
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1306
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1307
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1308
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1309
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1310
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1311

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1312

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1313
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(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1328
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pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1344
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1345
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1346

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1347
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1348
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1349
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1350
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1351
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1352
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1353
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1354
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1355
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1356
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1357
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1358
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1359
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1360
pending in the division, who request the services. 1361

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1362
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1363
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1364
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1365
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1366
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1367
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1368
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1369
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1370
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1371
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1372
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1373

residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases.	1374 1375 1376 1377 1378 1379 1380 1381 1382 1383 1384 1385 1386 1387 1388 1389 1390 1391 1392 1393 1394 1395
The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.	1396 1397 1398 1399
The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include	1400 1401 1402 1403 1404

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce,	1405
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,	1406
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and	1407
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental	1408
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the	1409
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal	1410
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any	1411
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes	1412
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are	1413
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the	1414
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody	1415
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code,	1416
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case	1417
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a	1418
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to	1419
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child	1420
support for that child when the request for that order is not	1421
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage,	1422
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action	1423
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for	1424
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action	1425
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the	1426
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of	1427
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child	1428
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the	1429
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the	1430
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.	1431
(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common	1432
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors,	1433
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and	1434
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges	1435

of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be	1436
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,	1437
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers	1438
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151.	1439
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings	1440
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile	1441
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the	1442
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of	1443
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal	1444
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic	1445
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division,	1446
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall	1447
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division	1448
and the judges of the general division.	1449
(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge	1450
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the	1451
children services board and the county advisory board.	1452
(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark	1453
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or	1454
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the	1455
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county	1456
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of	1457
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of	1458
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the	1459
judges of the general division or probate division of the court	1460
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by	1461
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned	1462
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of	1463
domestic relations of that court.	1464
(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common	1465

pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1466
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1467
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1468
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1469
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1470
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1471
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1472
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1473
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1474
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all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1478
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1479
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1480
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1481
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1482
the personnel of the division. 1483

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1484
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1485
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1486
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1487
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1488
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1489
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1490
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1491
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1492
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1493
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1494
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1495
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1496

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action	1497
pending in the division, who request the services.	1498
(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and	1499
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas	1500
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations	1501
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce,	1502
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases	1503
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as	1504
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have	1505
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or	1506
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal	1507
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees	1508
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various	1509
duties.	1510
(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common	1511
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors	1512
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the	1513
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation	1514
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion	1515
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court	1516
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division.	1517
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and	1518
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating	1519
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152.	1520
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of	1521
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal	1522
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child	1523
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities	1524
for the care of children and the designation for the children of	1525
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and	1526
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising	1527

from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1528
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1529
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1530
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1531
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1532
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1533
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1534
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1535
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1536
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1537
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1538
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1539
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1540
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1541
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1542
(Z) (1) of this section. 1543

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1544
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1545
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1546
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1547
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1548
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1549
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1550
pleas of Marion county. 1551

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1552
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1553
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1554
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1555
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1556
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1557
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1558

juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1559
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1560
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1561
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1562
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1563
common pleas of Marion county. 1564

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1565
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1566
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1567
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1568
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1569
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1570
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1571
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1572
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1573
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1574
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1575
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1576
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1577
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1578
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1579
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1580
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1581
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1582
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1583

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1584
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1585
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1586
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1587
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1588
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1589

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1590
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1591
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1592
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1593
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1594
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1595
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1596
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1597
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1598

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1599
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1600
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1601
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1602
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1603
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1604
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1605
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1606
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1607
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1608
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1609
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1610
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1611
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1612
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1613
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1614
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1615
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1616
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1617
the court of common pleas. 1618

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1619
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1620

that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1621
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1622
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1623
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1624
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1625
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1626
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1627
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1628
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1629
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1630
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1631
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1632
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1633
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1634
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1635
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1636
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1637
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1638
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1639
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1640
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1641
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1642
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1643
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1644
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1645
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1646
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1647
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1648
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1649
(CC) (1) of this section. 1650

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1651

division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1652
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(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1662
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(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1675
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relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1683
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1684
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1685
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1686
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1687
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1688
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1689
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1690
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1691
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1692
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1693
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1694
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1695
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1696
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1697
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1698
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1699
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1700
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1701
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1702
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1703
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1704
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1705
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 1706
section. 1707

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1708
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1709
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1710
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1711
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1712
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1713

probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1714
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1715
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1716
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1717
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1718
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1719
probate division. 1720

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1721
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1722
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1723
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1724
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1725
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1726
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1727
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1728
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1729
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1730
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1731
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1732
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1733
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1734
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1735
of common pleas. 1736

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1737
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1738
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1739
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1740
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1741
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1742
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1743
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1744

or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1745

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 1746
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1747