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A BILL

To amend sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 2301.02, 1
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to create a 2
domestic relations division of the Delaware 3
County Court of Common Pleas, to create a 4
judgeship for that division, to require payments 5
to retired assigned judges under certain 6
specified circumstances, and to declare an 7
emergency. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 2301.02, 9
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 10

Sec. 141.13. (A) No fees in addition to the salaries and 11
compensation provided in sections 141.01 to 141.12 of the 12
Revised Code shall be allowed to any such officer. No additional 13
remuneration shall be given any such officer under any other 14
title than that by which the officer was elected or duly 15

appointed. Subject to ~~division~~divisions (B) and (C) of this 16
section, the salaries provided in such sections shall be in full 17
compensation for any services rendered by such officers and 18
employees, payment of which is made from the state treasury. 19

(B) Division (A) of this section does not affect any right 20
of a full-time municipal court judge, or a part-time judge of a 21
municipal court of a territory having a population of more than 22
fifty thousand, to compensation under divisions (B) (1) (a) and 23
(2) of section 1901.11 of the Revised Code; to health, medical, 24
hospital, dental, or surgical benefits coverage or other fringe 25
benefits provided pursuant to Chapter 1901. of the Revised Code; 26
or to compensation, fringe benefits, or expenses otherwise 27
provided pursuant to that or any other chapter of the Revised 28
Code. Division (A) of this section also does not affect any 29
right of an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge as described 30
in sections 1901.122 and 1901.123 of the Revised Code to 31
compensation to which an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge 32
is entitled under Chapter 1901. or section 141.16 of the Revised 33
Code, or to any health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical 34
benefits coverage, other fringe benefits or compensation, or 35
expenses to which an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge may 36
be entitled under that or any other chapter of the Revised Code. 37

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section or any 38
other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, any retired 39
assigned judge, as defined in section 141.16 of the Revised 40
Code, is eligible for benefits granted under division (C) of 41
section 141.16 of the Revised Code. 42

Sec. 141.16. (A) Any voluntarily retired judge, or any 43
judge who is retired under Section 6 of Article IV, Ohio 44
Constitution, may be assigned with ~~his~~ the judge's consent, by 45

the chief justice or acting chief justice of the supreme court, 46
to active duty as a judge. While so serving, he the judge shall 47
be paid, from money appropriated for this purpose, the 48
established compensation for such office, computed on a per diem 49
basis, in addition to any retirement benefits to which he the 50
judge may be entitled. 51

(B) Annually, on the first day of August, the 52
administrative director of the Ohio courts shall issue a billing 53
to the county treasurer of any county to which such a judge is 54
assigned for reimbursement of the county's portion of the 55
compensation previously paid by the state for the twelve-month 56
period preceding the last day of June. The county's portion of 57
the compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the 58
state which is proportional to the county's share of the total 59
compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county 60
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. 61

(C) (1) A retired assigned judge is eligible to receive a 62
retired assigned judge payment if the retired assigned judge 63
completes not less than one hundred hours of service in the 64
preceding quarter as assigned by the chief justice or acting 65
chief justice. The payment shall be seven hundred fifty dollars 66
per quarter and shall be paid from money appropriated for this 67
purpose. The payment is subject to any and all applicable taxes 68
under local, state, and federal law. 69

(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section, 70
the payment shall be paid within thirty days after the end of 71
the quarter in which the one hundred hours is served. 72

(3) In the case of a county-operated municipal court, 73
other municipal court, or county court to which a judge was 74
assigned, payment shall be made within thirty days after receipt 75

of the quarterly request for reimbursement as required in 76
division (B) of section 1901.123 of the Revised Code. 77

(D) Division (C) of this section does not affect any right 78
of a retired assigned judge to receive any allowance, annuity, 79
pension, or other benefit vested pursuant to Chapter 145. of the 80
Revised Code or other eligible retirement system pursuant to 81
Ohio law. 82

(E) As used in this section: 83

(1) "Retired assigned judge" is a judge that is described 84
in division (A) of this section. 85

(2) "Quarter" is the preceding three-month period ending 86
on the last day of the month of March, June, September, or 87
December of each year. 88

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record 89
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 90
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 91
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 92

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 93
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 94
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 95
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 96
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(EE)~~ 97
(FF) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 98
of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 99
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 100
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 101
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 102
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 103
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 104

act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 105
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 106
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 107
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 108

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 109
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 110
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 111
shall be as follows: 112

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 113
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 114

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 115
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 116
term to begin February 9, 1955; 117

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 118
to begin January 9, 1957; 119

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 120
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 121
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 122
begin January 1, 1957; 123

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 124
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 125
term to begin January 1, 2007; 126

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 127
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 128
term to begin January 2, 2005; 129

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 130
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 131
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 132

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;

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;

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;

In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;

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.

(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;

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979;

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 161
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, 162
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 163
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 164
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 165

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 166
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 167
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 168
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 169

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 170
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 171
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 172

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 173
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 174
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 175
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be 176
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 177

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 178
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 179
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 180

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 181
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 182
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 183

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 184
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 185
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 186
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 187

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 188
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 189

term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	190
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	191
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	192
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	193
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	194
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	195
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	196
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	197
term to begin January 2, 2003;	198
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	199
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	200
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	201
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	202
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	203
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	204
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	205
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	206
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	207
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	208
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	209
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	210
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	211
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	212
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	213
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	214
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	215
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	216
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	217

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;	218 219 220
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;	221 222 223 224
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively;	225 226 227
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;	228 229 230 231 232
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;	233 234 235 236 237 238
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;	239 240 241
In Delaware county, two <u>three</u> judges, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, <u>and the third to be elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;</u>	242 243 244 245
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958,	246

term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 247
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 248
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 249
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 250
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 251
begin January 6, 2001; 252

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 253
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 254
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 255
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 256
begin January 1, 2005; 257

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 258
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 259
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 260
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 261
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 262
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 263
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 264
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 265
January 6, 2007; 266

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 267
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 268
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 269
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 270
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 271
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 272
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 273
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 274
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 275
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 276

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 277
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 278
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 279
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 280
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 281

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 282
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 283
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 284

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 285
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 286
term to begin January 2, 1969; 287

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 288
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 289
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 290
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 291
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 292
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 293
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 294

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 295
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 296
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 297
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 298
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 299
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 300
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 301
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 302
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 303
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 304
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 305
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 306

January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 307
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 308
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 309
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 310
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 311
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 312
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 313

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected 314
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 315
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 316
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 317
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 318
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 319
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 320
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 321
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 322
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 323
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 324
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 325
2, 1997; and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 326
2005; 327

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 328
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 329
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 330
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 331
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 332
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 333
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 334
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 335
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 336
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 337

elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4,
1997, respectively;

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;

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;

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and
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;

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;

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.

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 elected at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created.

The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 398
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 399
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 400
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 401
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 402
be reduced. 403

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 404
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 405
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 406
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 407
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 408
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 409
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 410
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 411
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 412
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 413
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 414
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 415
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 416
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 417
probate division. 418

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 419
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 420
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 421
2, 1997, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 422
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 423
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 424
Franklin county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 425
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 426
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 427
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 428

parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code 429
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 430
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 431
shall be assigned to them. In addition to the judge's regular 432
duties, the judge who is senior in point of service shall serve 433
on the children services board and the county advisory board and 434
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 435
and its subdivisions and departments. 436

(B) In Hamilton county: 437

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 438
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 439
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 440
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 441
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 442
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 443

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 444
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 445
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 446
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 447
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 448
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 449
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 450
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 451
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 452
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 453
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 454
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 455
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 456
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 457
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 458

one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 459
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 460
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 461
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 462
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 463
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 464
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 465
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 466
year. 467

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 468
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 469
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 470
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 471
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 472
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 473
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 474
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 475
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 476

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 477
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 478
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 479
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 480
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 481
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 482
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 483
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 484
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 485
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 486
are parties to an action pending in the division. 487

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 488

sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 489
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 490
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 491
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 492
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 493
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 494
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 495
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 496
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 497
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 498
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 499
division of domestic relations. 500

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 501
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 502
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 503
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 504
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 505
relations. 506

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 507
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 508
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 509
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 510
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 511
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 512
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 513
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 514
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 515
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 516

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 517
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 518

to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 519
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 520
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 521
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 522
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 523
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 524
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 525
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 526
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 527

A judge of the general division of the court of common 528
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 529
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 530
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 531
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 532
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 533
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 534
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 535
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 536
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 537
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 538
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 539
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 540

A judge of the general division of the court of common 541
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 542
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 543
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 544
both of the following apply: 545

(a) One of the following applies: 546

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 547
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 548

third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 549
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 550
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 551

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 552
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 553
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 554
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 555
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 556
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 557
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 558
treatment. 559

(b) All of the following apply: 560

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 561
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 562
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 563
to be imposed. 564

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 565

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 566

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 567
drug or alcohol driven. 568

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 569
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 570

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 571

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 572
prosecutor approves of the referral. 573

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 574
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 575

pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 576
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 577
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 578
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 579
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 580
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 581
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 582
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 583
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 584

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 585
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 586
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 587
Revised Code. 588

(C)(1) In Lorain county: 589

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 590
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 591
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 592
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 593
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 594
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 595
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 596
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 597
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 598
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 599
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 600
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 601
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 602
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 603
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 604
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 605

reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 606
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 607
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 608
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 609
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 610
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 611
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 612
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 613
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 614
other judge of the court of common pleas. 615

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 616
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 617
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 618
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 619
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 620
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 621
Code. 622

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 623
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 624
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 625
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 626
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 627
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 628
probate judge. 629

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 630
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 631
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 632
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 633
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 634
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 635

relations. 636

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 637
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 638
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 639
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 640
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 641
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 642
relations. 643

(D) In Lucas county: 644

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 645
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 646
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 647
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 648
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 649
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 650
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 651
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 652
assigned to them. 653

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 654
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 655
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 656
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 657
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 658
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 659

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 660
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 661
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 662
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 663
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 664

and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 665
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 666
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 667
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 668
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 669
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 670
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 671
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 672
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 673
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 674
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 675
in the discharge of their various duties. 676

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 677
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 678
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 679
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 680
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 681
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 682
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 683
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 684
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 685
parties to an action pending in the division. 686

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 687
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 688
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 689
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 690
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 691
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 692

(E) In Mahoning county: 693

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 694

began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 695
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 696
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 697
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 698
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 699
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 700
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 701
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 702
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 703
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 704
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 705
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 706
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 707
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 708
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 709
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 710

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 711
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 712
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 713
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 714
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 715
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 716
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 717
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 718
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 719
action pending in the division. 720

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 721
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 722
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 723
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 724
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 725

as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 726
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 727
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 728
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 729
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 730
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 731
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 732
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 733
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 734
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 735
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 736

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 737
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 738
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 739
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 740
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 741
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 742
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 743
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 744
action pending in the division. 745

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 746
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 747
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 748
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 749
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 750
of common pleas. 751

(F) In Montgomery county: 752

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 753
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 754
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 755

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 756
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 757
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 758
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 759
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 760
and annulment cases. 761

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 762
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 763
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 764
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 765
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 766
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 767
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 768
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 769
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 770
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 771
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 772
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 773
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 774
fix their duties. 775

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 776
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 777
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 778
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 779
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 780
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 781
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 782
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 783
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 784

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 785

the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 786
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 787
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 788
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 789
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 790
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 791
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 792
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 793
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 794
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 795
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 796
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 797
conciliation services that are available upon request to 798
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 799
the division. 800

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 801
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 802
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 803
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 804
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 805
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 806
of those divisions. 807

(G) In Richland county: 808

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 809
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 810
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 811
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 812
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 813
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 814
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 815

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 816
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 817
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 818
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 819
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 820
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 821
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 822
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 823
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 824
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 825
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 826
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 827
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 828
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 829
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 830
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 831
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 832
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 833
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 834
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 835
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 836
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 837
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 838
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 839
of those matters. 840

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 841
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 842
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 843
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 844
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 845
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 846

considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 847
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 848
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 849
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 850
shall fix their duties. 851

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 852
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 853
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 854
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 855
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 856
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 857
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 858
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 859
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 860
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 861
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 862
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 863
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 864
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 865
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 866
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 867
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 868
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 869
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 870
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 871

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 872
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 873
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 874
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 875
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 876
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 877

any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 878
discharge of the judge's various duties. 879

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 880
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 881
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 882
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 883
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 884
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 885
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 886
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 887
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 888

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 889
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 890
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 891
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 892
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 893
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 894
as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 895
relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 896
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 897
Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile 898
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of 899
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases 900
that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 901
pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 902

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second 903
most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 904
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 905
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 906
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 907

and necessary referees required for the judge's respective 908
court. 909

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 910
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 911
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 912
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 913
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 914
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 915
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 916
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 917
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 918
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 919
juvenile judge to serve. 920

(I) In Summit county: 921

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 922
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 923
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 924
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 925
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 926
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 927
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 928
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 929
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 930
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 931
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 932
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 933
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 934
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 935
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 936
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 937

to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. That judge 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 of any counseling and conciliation services that are available upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1955, 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 Summit 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 969
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 970
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 971
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 972
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 973
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 974
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 975
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 976
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 977

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 978
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 979
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 980
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 981
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 982
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 983
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 984
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 985
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 986
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 987
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 988
conciliation services that are available upon request to 989
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 990
the division. 991

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 992
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 993
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 994
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 995
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 996
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 997
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 998
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 999

Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1000
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1001
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1002
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1003
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1004
court of common pleas. 1005

(K) In Butler county: 1006

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1007
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1008
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1009
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1010
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1011
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1012
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1013
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1014
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1015
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1016
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1017
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1018
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1019
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1020
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1021
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1022
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1023
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1024
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1025
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1026
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1027
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1028
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1029
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1030

juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1031
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1032
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1033
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1034
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1035
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1036
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1037
division. 1038

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1039
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1040
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1041
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1042
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1043
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1044
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1045
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1046
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1047
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1048

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1049
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1050
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1051
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1052
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1053
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1054
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1055
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1056
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1057
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1058
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1059
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1060
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1061

certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1062
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1063
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1064
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1065
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1066
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1067
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1068
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1069
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1070
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1071
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1072
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1073
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1074
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1075
various duties. 1076

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1077
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1078
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1079
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1080
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1081
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1082
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1083
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1084
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1085

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1086
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1087
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1088
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1089
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1090
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1091

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9,
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987,
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 Cuyahoga county
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage,
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for
some special reason.

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term
begins on January 2, 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 Lake county and shall be elected and

designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1121
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1122
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1123
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1124
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1125
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1126
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1127
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1128
division. 1129

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1130
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1131
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1132
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1133
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1134
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1135
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1136
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1137
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1138
division, who request the services. 1139

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1140
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1141
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1142
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1143
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1144
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1145
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1146
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1147
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1148
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1149
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1150
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1151

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1152
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1153
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1154
the judge's various duties. 1155

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1156
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1157
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1158
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1159
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1160
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1161
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1162
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1163
request the services. 1164

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1165
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1166
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1167
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1168
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1169
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1170

(N) In Erie county: 1171

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1172
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1173
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1174
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1175
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1176
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1177
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1178
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1179
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1180
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1181

which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1182
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1183
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1184
other judge. 1185

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1186
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1187
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1188
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1189
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1190
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1191
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1192

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1193
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1194
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1195
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1196
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1197
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1198
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1199
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1200
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1201
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1202
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1203
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1204

(0) In Greene county: 1205

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1206
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1207
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1208
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1209
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1210
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1211

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1212
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1213
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1214
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1215
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1216
court of common pleas. 1217

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1218
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1219
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1220
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1221
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1222
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1223
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1224
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1225
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1226
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1227
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1228
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1229
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1230
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1231
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1232
general division of the court of common pleas. 1233

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1234
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1235
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1236
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1237
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1238
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1239
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1240
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1241
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1242

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1243
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1244
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1245
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1246
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1247
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1248
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1249
the judge's various duties. 1250

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1251
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1252
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1253
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1254
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1255
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1256
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1257
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1258
request the services. 1259

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1260
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1261
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1262
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1263
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1264
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1265
division. 1266

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1267
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1268
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1269
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1270
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1271
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1272

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1273
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1274
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1275
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1276
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1277
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1278
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1279
domestic relations division. 1280

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1281
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1282
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1283
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1284
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1285
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1286
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1287
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1288
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1289
division, who request the services. 1290

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1291
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1292
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1293
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1294
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1295
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1296
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1297
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1298
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1299
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1300
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1301
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1302
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1303

domestic relations division. 1304

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1305
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1306
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1307
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1308
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1309
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1310
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1311
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1312
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1313
division, who request the services. 1314

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1315
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1316
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1317
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1318
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1319
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1320
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1321
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1322
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1323
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1324
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1325
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1326
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1327
domestic relations division. 1328

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1329
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1330
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1331
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1332
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1333

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1334
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1335
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1336
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1337
division, who request the services. 1338

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1339
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1340
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1341
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1342
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1343
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1344
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1345
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1346
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1347
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1348
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1349
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1350
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1351
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1352
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1353
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1354
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1355
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1356
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1357
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1358

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1359
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1360
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1361
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1362
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1363
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1364

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1365
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1366
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1367
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1368
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1369
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1370
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1371
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1372
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1373
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1374

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1375
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1376
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1377
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1378
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1379
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1380
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1381
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1382
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1383
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1384
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1385
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1386
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1387
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1388
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1389
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1390
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1391
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1392
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1393

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1394
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1395

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1396
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1397
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1398
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1399
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1400
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1401
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1402
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1403
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1404
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1405
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1406
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1407
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1408

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1409
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1410
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1411
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1412
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1413
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1414
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1415
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1416
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1417
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1418
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1419
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1420
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1421
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1422
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1423
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1424
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1425
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1426

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1427

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1428
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1429
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1430
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1431
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1432
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1433
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1434
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1435
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1436
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1437
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1438
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1439
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1440
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1441
pending in the division, who request the services. 1442

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1443
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1444
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1445
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1446
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1447
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1448
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1449
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1450
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1451
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1452
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1453
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1454
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1455
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1456
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1457

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1458
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1459
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1460
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1461
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1462
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1463
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1464
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1465
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1466
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1467
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1468
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1469
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1470
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1471
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1472
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1473
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1474
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1475
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1476

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1477
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1478
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1479
personnel of the division. 1480

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1481
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1482
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1483
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1484
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1485
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1486
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1487
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1488

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1489
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1490
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1491
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1492
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1493
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1494
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1495
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1496
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1497
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1498
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1499
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1500
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1501
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1502
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1503
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1504
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1505
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1506
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1507
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1508
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1509
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1510
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1511
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1512

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1513
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1514
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1515
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1516
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1517
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1518
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1519

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1520
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1521
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1522
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1523
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1524
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1525
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1526
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1527
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1528
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1529
and the judges of the general division. 1530

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1531
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1532
children services board and the county advisory board. 1533

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1534
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1535
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1536
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1537
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1538
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1539
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1540
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1541
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1542
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1543
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1544
domestic relations of that court. 1545

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1546
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1547
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1548
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1549

of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1550
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1551
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1552
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1553
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1554
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1555
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1556
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1557
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1558
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1559
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1560
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1561
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1562
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1563
the personnel of the division. 1564

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1565
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1566
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1567
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1568
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1569
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1570
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1571
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1572
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1573
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1574
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1575
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1576
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1577
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1578
pending in the division, who request the services. 1579

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1580

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1581
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1582
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1583
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1584
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1585
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1586
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1587
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1588
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1589
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1590
duties. 1591

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1592
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1593
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1594
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1595
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1596
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1597
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1598
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1599
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1600
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1601
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1602
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1603
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1604
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1605
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1606
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1607
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1608
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1609
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1610
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1611

of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1612
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1613
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1614
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1615
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1616
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1617
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1618
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1619
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1620
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1621
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1622
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1623
(Z)(1) of this section. 1624

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1625
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1626
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1627
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1628
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1629
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1630
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1631
pleas of Marion county. 1632

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1633
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1634
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1635
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1636
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1637
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1638
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1639
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1640
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1641
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1642

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1643
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1644
common pleas of Marion county. 1645

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1646
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1647
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1648
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1649
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1650
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1651
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1652
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1653
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1654
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1655
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1656
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1657
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1658
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1659
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1660
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1661
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1662
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1663
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1664

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1665
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1666
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1667
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1668
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1669
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1670
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1671
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1672
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1673

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1674
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1675
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1676
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1677
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1678
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1679

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1680
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1681
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1682
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1683
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1684
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1685
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1686
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1687
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1688
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1689
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1690
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1691
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1692
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1693
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1694
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1695
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1696
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1697
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1698
the court of common pleas. 1699

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1700
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1701
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1702
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1703
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1704

and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1705
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1706
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1707
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1708
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1709
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1710
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1711
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1712
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1713
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1714
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1715
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1716
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1717
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1718
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1719
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1720
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1721
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1722
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1723
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1724
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1725
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1726
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1727
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1728
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1729
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1730
(CC) (1) of this section. 1731

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1732
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1733
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who 1734
is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division 1735

of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 1736
of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the 1737
probate division and juvenile division of the court of common 1738
pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas 1739
who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code 1740
shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and 1741
files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1742

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1743
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1744
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1745
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1746
probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1747
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1748
probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations- 1749
juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all 1750
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1751
construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to 1752
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this 1753
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1754
common pleas of Logan county. 1755

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1756
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1757
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1758
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1759
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1760
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1761
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1762
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1763
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1764
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1765
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1766

courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 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 shall be assigned to those judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this section.

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, 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 Champaign county as being references to the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed with respect to Champaign county as being references to the

judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1798
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1799
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1800
probate division. 1801

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1802
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1803
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1804
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1805
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1806
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1807
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1808
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1809
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1810
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1811
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1812
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1813
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1814
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1815
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1816
of common pleas. 1817

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1818
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1819
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1820
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1821
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1822
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1823
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1824
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1825
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1826

Section 2. That existing sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 1827

2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1828

Section 3. Divisions (C), (D), and (E) of section 141.16 1829
of the Revised Code are hereby enacted under the authority 1830
granted the General Assembly under Section 6(C) of Article IV 1831
and Article II of the Ohio Constitution. This authority grants 1832
the General Assembly the ability to pass laws providing 1833
retirement benefits for judges. The purpose of the payments 1834
required under section 141.16 of the Revised Code is to ensure 1835
that retired assigned judges remain available for service to the 1836
state of Ohio in order to promote the effective administration 1837
of justice throughout the state. Given the unpredictable nature 1838
of case filings, the purpose of the section is to provide cost- 1839
effective means to address case-load surges and reduce case 1840
disposition delay that might otherwise require the addition of 1841
full-time sitting judges. 1842

Section 4. The Supreme Court may use appropriation item 1843
005321, Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court, to make 1844
payments to retired assigned judges as provided under division 1845
(C) of section 141.16 of the Revised Code as amended by this 1846
act. 1847

Section 5. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1848
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1849
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is the 1850
need to create a domestic relations division of the Delaware 1851
County Court of Common Pleas and to create a judgeship for that 1852
division in a timely fashion. Therefore, this act shall go into 1853
immediate effect. 1854