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**Senator Hottinger**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Bacon, Burke, Faber, Hughes, Patton**

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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1  
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, 2  
and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the 3  
Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on 4  
January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time 5  
judgeship in that court, to provide for the 6  
nomination of the judge by petition only, to 7  
abolish the Perry County County Court on that 8  
date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of 9  
Courts as the clerk of the Perry County 10  
Municipal Court, and to provide for the election 11  
for the Perry County Municipal Court of one 12  
full-time judge in 2017. 13

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 14  
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the 15  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 16

**Sec. 1901.01.** (A) There is hereby established a municipal 17  
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 18

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 19  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 20  
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 21  
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 22  
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 23  
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 24  
Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 25  
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 26  
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 27  
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 28  
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 29  
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 30  
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 31  
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, 32  
Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, 33  
Painesville, Parma, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, 34  
Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, 35  
South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, 36  
Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van 37  
Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of 38  
Washington in Fayette county, to be known as Washington Court 39  
House, Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and 40  
Zanesville. 41

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 42  
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 43  
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 44  
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 45  
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 46  
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 47  
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 48  
this division. 49

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 50  
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 51  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 52  
county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 53  
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 54  
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 55  
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 56

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 57  
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 58  
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 59  
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 60  
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 61  
authority of that court. 62

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 63  
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 64  
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 65

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 66  
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 67

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 68  
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 69  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 70  
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 71  
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 72  
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 73  
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 74  
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 75

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 76  
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 77  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 78

except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 79  
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 80  
legislative authority of that court. 81

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by 82  
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 83  
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 84  
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 85  
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 86  
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 87  
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 88  
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 89  
"..... municipal court," inserting 90  
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 91  
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 92

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 93  
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 94  
court"; 95

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 96  
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 97  
court"; 98

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 99  
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 100

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

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 103  
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 104

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 105  
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 106

- (7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 107  
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 108
- (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 109  
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 110
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 111  
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 112  
court"; 113
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 114  
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 115
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 116  
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 117
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 118  
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 119
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 120  
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 121
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 122  
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 123
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 124  
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 125
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 126  
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 127
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 128  
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 129  
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 130  
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 131  
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 132
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 133

beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 134  
"Clinton county municipal court"; 135

(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 136  
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal 137  
court"; 138

(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 139  
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 140  
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 141

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 142  
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 143  
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 144  
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 145  
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 146

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 147  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 148  
"Brown county municipal court"; 149

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 150  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 151  
"Morrow county municipal court"; 152

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 153  
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 154  
"Darke county municipal court"; 155

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 156  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 157  
"Holmes county municipal court"; 158

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 159  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 160  
"Carroll county municipal court"; 161

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 162  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 163  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 164  
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 165  
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 166  
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 167  
court"; 168

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 169  
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 170  
"Putnam county municipal court"; 171

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 172  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 173  
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 174  
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 175  
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 176  
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 177  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 178  
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 179  
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 180

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 181  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 182  
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 183  
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 184  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 185  
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 186  
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 187

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 188  
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 189  
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 190

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 191  
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 192  
the "Perry county municipal court." 193

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 194  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 195  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 196

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 197  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 198  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 199  
county. 200

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 201  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 202  
county. 203

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

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 206  
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 207

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 208  
Athens county. 209

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 210  
within Auglaize county. 211

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 212  
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 213

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 214  
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 215  
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, 216  
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in 217  
Summit county. 218



The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	219
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow,	220
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange,	221
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	222
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	223
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	224
Logan county.	225
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	226
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	227
in Sandusky county.	228
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	229
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	230
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	231
township, in Cuyahoga county.	232
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	233
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	234
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	235
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	236
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	237
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	238
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	239
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	240
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal	241
court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	242
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	243
county.	244
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	245
Guernsey county.	246

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	247
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	248
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	249
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	250
Stark county.	251
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	252
Carroll county.	253
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	254
county.	255
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction	256
within Champaign county.	257
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	258
county.	259
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within	260
Ross county.	261
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within	262
Pickaway county.	263
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	264
Clark county.	265
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction	266
within Clermont county.	267
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	268
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	269
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	270
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	271
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	272
within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	273

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

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court 301  
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships 302  
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal 303  
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and 304  
Vermilion. 305

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the 306  
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and 307  
Beavercreek townships in Greene county. 308

Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal 309  
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county. 310

The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 311  
Hancock county except within Washington township. 312

The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within 313  
Franklin township in Warren county. 314

The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction 315  
within Franklin county. 316

The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within 317  
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county. 318

The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within 319  
Gallia county. 320

The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction 321  
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton 322  
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, 323  
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county. 324

The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within 325  
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county. 326

The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross 327

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

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

Deerfield township in Warren county.	382
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	383
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	384
townships in Stark county.	385
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	386
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within	387
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions	388
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	389
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas	390
county.	391
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the	392
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-	393
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick	394
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield,	395
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in	396
Medina county.	397
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the	398
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	399
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within	400
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of	401
Bradford that is located in Darke county.	402
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	403
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and	404
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	405
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within	406
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except	407
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	408
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal	409

court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 410  
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 411  
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 412  
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrolllton and Butler, German, 413  
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 414

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 415  
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 416

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within 417  
Knox county. 418

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry 419  
county. 420

The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction 421  
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, 422  
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, 423  
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in 424  
Tuscarawas county. 425

The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within 426  
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, 427  
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county. 428

The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the 429  
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield 430  
township in Trumbull county. 431

The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 432  
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue 433  
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships. 434

The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the 435  
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South 436  
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, 437



Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and 438  
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except 439  
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 440

The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the 441  
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem 442  
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake 443  
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 444  
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 445  
Toledo municipal court. 446

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 447  
Ottawa county. 448

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 449  
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 450  
Lake county. 451

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 452  
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 453  
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 454  
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 455

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal 456  
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 457

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 458  
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 459  
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 460  
in Wood county. 461

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 462  
Portage county. 463

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 464  
Scioto county. 465

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within Putnam county.	466 467
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in Cuyahoga county.	468 469 470 471
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within Perkins township, in Erie county.	472 473 474
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	475 476 477 478
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	479 480 481
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, in Richland county.	482 483 484 485
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby county.	486 487
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	488 489 490 491 492 493

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 494  
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 495  
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 496  
county. 497

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 498  
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 499  
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 500  
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 501  
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 502  
in Lucas county. 503

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 504  
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 505  
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 506  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 507  
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 508  
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 509  
Millgrove, in Wood county. 510

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 511  
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 512  
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 513

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 514  
Wyandot county. 515

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 516  
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 517  
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 518  
county. 519

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 520  
Wert county. 521

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 522

townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 523  
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 524  
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 525

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 526  
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 527  
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 528  
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 529

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 530  
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 531  
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 532  
county. 533

The Washington Court House municipal court has 534  
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 535

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 536  
Wayne county. 537

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 538  
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 539  
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 540  
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 541  
county. 542

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 543  
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 544

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 545  
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 546  
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 547  
Greene county. 548

(C) As used in this section: 549

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 550

not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 551  
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 552  
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 553  
governmentally a part of the township. 554

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 555  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 556  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 557  
corporation. 558

**Sec. 1901.03.** As used in this chapter: 559

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 560  
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 561  
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 562

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 563  
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 564  
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 565  
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 566  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 567

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 568  
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 569  
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 570  
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 571  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 572

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 573  
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 574  
operated municipal court, is located. 575

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 576  
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 577  
operated municipal court, is located. 578

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 579  
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, 580  
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, 581  
Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 582  
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 583  
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 584  
county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 585  
1, ~~2013~~ 2018, also includes the ~~Sandusky-Perry~~ county municipal 586  
court. 587

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 588  
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 589  
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 590  
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 591  
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 592

**Sec. 1901.07.** (A) All municipal court judges shall be 593  
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 594  
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 595  
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 596  
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 597  
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 598  
commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 599  
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 600  
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 601

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 602  
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 603  
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 604  
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 605  
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 606  
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 607  
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 608

municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 609  
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 610  
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 611  
of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 612

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 613  
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 614  
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 615  
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 616  
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 617  
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 618  
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 619  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 620  
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 621  
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 622  
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 623  
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 624  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 625  
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 626  
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 627  
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 628  
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 629  
political party for election to the office does not exceed the 630  
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 631  
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 632  
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 633  
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 634  
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 635  
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 636

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 637  
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 638  
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 639

beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 640  
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 641  
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 642  
nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 643  
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 644  
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 645  
to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 646  
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 647  
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 648  
territory of the court. 649

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 650  
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 651  
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 652  
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 653  
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 654  
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 655  
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 656  
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 657  
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 658  
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 659  
of municipal court judges. 660

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 661  
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 662  
and elected as follows: 663

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 664  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 665  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 666  
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 667  
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 668  
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 669



offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 670  
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 671  
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 672  
in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 673  
court of common pleas. 674

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 675  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 676  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 677  
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 678  
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 679  
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 680  
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 681  
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 682  
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 683  
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 684  
common pleas. 685

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 686  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 687  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 688  
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 689  
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 690  
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 691  
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 692  
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 693  
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 694  
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 695  
of common pleas. 696

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 697  
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 698  
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 699

of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 700  
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 701  
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 702  
prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 703  
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 704  
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 705  
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 706  
electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 707  
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 708  
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 709

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 710  
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 711  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 712  
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 713  
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 714  
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 715  
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 716  
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 717  
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 718

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 719  
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Perry, 720  
Putnam, Sandusky, and Wayne county municipal courts, the judges 721  
shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall be 722  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court 723  
and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 724

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 725  
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 726  
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 727

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 728  
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 729

jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 730  
the first day of January after the election. 731

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 732  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 733  
their terms shall be as follows: 734

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 735  
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 736  
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 737  
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 738

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

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 741  
be elected in 1951. 742

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 743  
shall be elected in 1953. 744

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 745  
shall be elected in 1967. 746

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 747  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 748

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 749  
shall be elected in 2017. On and after ~~the effective date of~~ 750  
~~this amendment~~ September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the 751  
Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as 752  
a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's 753  
term on December 31, 2017. 754

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 755  
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 756  
elected in 1971. 757

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall	758
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	759
1979.	760
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge	761
shall be elected in 1993.	762
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall	763
be elected in 1951.	764
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	765
elected in 2005.	766
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge	767
shall be elected in 1983.	768
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge	769
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-	770
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior	771
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall	772
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court	773
until December 31, 2005.	774
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	775
elected in 1965.	776
In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge	777
shall be elected in 1951.	778
In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall	779
be elected in 1963.	780
In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	781
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in	782
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	783
In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge	784

shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 785  
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 786  
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 787  
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 788  
December 31, 2009. 789

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 790  
be elected in 1957. 791

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 792  
judge shall be elected in 2001. 793

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 794  
be elected in 1963. 795

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 796  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 797  
elected in 1977. 798

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 799  
shall be elected in 1953. 800

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 801  
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 802  
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 803  
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 804  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 805  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 806

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 807  
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 808  
be elected in 1999. 809

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 810  
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 811  
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 812

1955.	813
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	814
judge shall be elected in 1957.	815
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	816
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	817
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	818
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until	819
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	820
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time	821
judges shall be elected in 2001.	822
In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall	823
be elected in 1953.	824
In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge	825
shall be elected in 1951.	826
In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time	827
judge shall be elected in 1977.	828
In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	829
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	830
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls	831
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the	832
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this	833
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004,	834
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time	835
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and	836
December 31, 2013, respectively.	837
In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge	838
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-	839
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior	840

to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 841  
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 842  
December 31, 2005. 843

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 844  
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 845  
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 846  
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 847  
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 848  
second day of January next after their election. 849

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 850  
be elected in 1957. 851

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 852  
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 853  
2007. 854

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 855  
shall be elected in 1957. 856

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 857  
shall be elected in 1953. 858

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 859  
elected in 1973. 860

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 861  
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 862  
1973. 863

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 864  
shall be elected in 2007. 865

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 866  
be elected in 1951. 867

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall 868  
be elected in 1977. 869

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time 870  
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be 871  
elected in 2005. 872

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge 873  
shall be elected in 1989. 874

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall 875  
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 876  
1993. 877

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall 878  
be elected in 1951. 879

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time 880  
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 881  
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 882  
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 883  
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 884  
shall be elected in 1997. 885

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 886  
be elected in 1975. 887

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 888  
shall be elected in 1981. 889

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 890  
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 891  
elected in 1981. 892

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 893  
be elected in 1963. 894



In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 895  
be elected in 1953. 896

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 897  
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 898  
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 899  
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 900  
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 901  
the first day of January next after their election, except that 902  
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 903  
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 904  
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 905  
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 906

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 907  
shall be elected in 1989. 908

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 909  
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 910  
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 911  
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 912  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 913

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 914  
shall be elected in 1977. 915

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 916  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 917  
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 918  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 919  
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 920  
court until December 31, 2007. 921

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 922  
elected in 1967. 923

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	924 925
In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part-time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001.	926 927 928 929 930
In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	931 932 933
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955.	934 935
In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the end of those judges' terms.	936 937 938 939 940 941
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	942 943
In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1955.	944 945
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	946 947 948
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	949 950 951

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall	952
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	953
1973.	954
In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge	955
shall be elected in 1957.	956
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge	957
shall be elected in 1981.	958
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge	959
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	960
elected in 1969.	961
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall	962
be elected in 1957.	963
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	964
be elected in 1951.	965
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	966
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	967
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	968
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	969
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	970
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	971
elected in 1965.	972
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge	973
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	974
elected in 1971.	975
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall	976
be elected in 1963.	977
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	978

be elected in 1957.	979
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	980
be elected in 1971.	981
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	982
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	983
elected in 1979.	984
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge	985
shall be elected in 1951.	986
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge	987
shall be elected in 1953.	988
In the Montgomery county municipal court:	989
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time	990
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of	991
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is	992
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a	993
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of	994
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31,	995
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date.	996
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery	997
county county court that existed before that date whose term	998
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge	999
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31,	1000
2011.	1001
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time	1002
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this	1003
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July	1004
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county	1005
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on	1006
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the	1007

Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1008

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1009  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1010  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1011  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1012  
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1013  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1014

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1015  
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1016  
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1017  
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1018  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1019  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1020  
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1021  
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1022  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1023  
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1024  
December 31, 2013. 1025

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1026  
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1027  
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1028  
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1029  
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1030  
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1031

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1032  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1033  
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1034  
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1035  
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1036

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1037 1038
In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	1039 1040
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1041 1042
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1043 1044
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1045 1046
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1047 1048
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1049 1050
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	1051 1052
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1053 1054
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1055 1056 1057 1058 1059
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1060 1061
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	1062 1063

and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1064

In the Perry county municipal court to be established on 1065  
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017. 1066

In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge 1067  
shall be elected in 1977. 1068

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1069  
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1070  
be elected in 1971. 1071

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1072  
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1073  
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1074  
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1075  
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1076

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1077  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1078  
elected in 1985. 1079

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1080  
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1081  
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1082  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1083  
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1084  
court until December 31, 2011. 1085

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1086  
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1087  
elected in 1971. 1088

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1089  
be elected in 1953. 1090

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1091

judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1092  
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1093  
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 1094  
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1095  
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1096  
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1097  
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1098  
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1099  
31, 2013. 1100

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1101  
shall be elected in 1957. 1102

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1103  
be elected in 1957. 1104

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1105  
be elected in 1995. 1106

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1107  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1108  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1109  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1110  
January 1, 2000. 1111

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1112  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1113  
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1114  
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1115  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1116  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1117

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1118  
shall be elected in 1953. 1119

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1120



elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1121  
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1122  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1123  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1124  
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1125  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1126  
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1127  
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1128  
court until December 31, 2009. 1129

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1130  
shall be elected in 1963. 1131

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1132  
be elected in 1963. 1133

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1134  
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1135

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1136  
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1137  
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1138

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1139  
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1140  
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 1141  
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 1142  
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1143  
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1144

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1145  
be elected in 1959. 1146

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1147  
be elected in 1957. 1148

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 1149  
shall be elected in 1965. 1150

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 1151  
shall be elected in 1981. 1152

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1153  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1154  
1971. 1155

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1156  
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1157  
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1158  
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1159  
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1160

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1161  
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1162  
elected in 1979. 1163

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1164  
shall be elected in 1951. 1165

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1166  
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1167  
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1168  
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1169  
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1170

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1171  
elected in 1977. 1172

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1173  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1174  
elected in 2013. 1175

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1176

shall be elected in 1953. 1177

**Sec. 1901.31.** The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 1178  
court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 1179  
powers and duties as follows: 1180

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed 1181  
or elected as follows: 1182

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Hamilton 1183  
county, Miami county, Montgomery county, Portage county, and 1184  
Wayne county municipal courts and through December 31, 2008, the 1185  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the population of the 1186  
territory equals or exceeds one hundred thousand at the regular 1187  
municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of the 1188  
term of the present clerk, the clerk shall be nominated and 1189  
elected by the qualified electors of the territory in the manner 1190  
that is provided for the nomination and election of judges in 1191  
section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1192

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1193  
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1194  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1195  
successor is elected and qualified. 1196

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1197  
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1198  
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1199  
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1200  
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1201  
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1202  
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1203  
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1204  
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1205

common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1206  
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1207  
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1208  
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1209  
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1210  
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1211  
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1212

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1213  
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1214  
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1215  
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1216  
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1217  
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1218  
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1219  
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1220  
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1221  
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1222  
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1223  
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1224  
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1225  
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1226  
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1227  
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1228  
Code. 1229

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1230  
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1231  
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1232  
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1233  
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1234  
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1235  
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1236

at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1237  
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1238  
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1239  
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1240  
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1241  
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1242  
the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1243  
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1244  
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1245

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 1246  
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1247  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1248  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1249  
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1250  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1251  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1252  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1253  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1254  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1255  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1256  
territory of the court. 1257

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1258  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1259  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1260  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1261  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1262  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1263  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1264  
Revised Code. 1265

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1266

by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1267  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1268  
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1269  
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1270  
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1271  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1272  
particular political party for election to that office, a 1273  
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1274  
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1275  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1276  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1277

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1278  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1279  
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1280  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1281  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1282  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1283  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1284  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1285  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1286  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1287  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1288  
successor is elected and qualified. 1289

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1290  
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1291  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1292  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1293  
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1294  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1295  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1296  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1297

candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1298  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1299  
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1300  
the territory of the court. 1301

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1302  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1303  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1304  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1305  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1306  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1307  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1308  
Revised Code. 1309

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1310  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1311  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1312  
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1313  
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1314  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1315  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1316  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1317  
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1318  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1319  
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1320  
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1321  
Revised Code. 1322

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1323  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1324  
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1325  
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1326  
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1327

the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1328  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1329  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1330  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1331  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1332  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1333  
successor is elected and qualified. 1334

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1335  
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1336  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1337  
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1338  
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1339  
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1340  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1341  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1342  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1343  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1344  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1345  
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1346  
electors of the territory of the court. 1347

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1348  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1349  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1350  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1351  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1352  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1353  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1354  
Revised Code. 1355

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1356  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1357



political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1358  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1359  
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1360  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1361  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1362  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1363  
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1364  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1365  
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1366  
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1367  
Revised Code. 1368

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1369  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1370  
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1371  
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1372  
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1373  
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1374  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1375  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1376  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1377  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1378  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1379  
successor is elected and qualified. 1380

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1381  
effect after December 31, 2008. 1382

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 1383  
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1384  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1385  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1386  
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 1387

nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1388  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1389  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1390  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1391  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 1392  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1393  
territory of the court. 1394

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1395  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1396  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1397  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1398  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1399  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1400  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1401  
Revised Code. 1402

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1403  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1404  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1405  
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 1406  
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 1407  
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1408  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1409  
particular political party for election to that office, a 1410  
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1411  
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1412  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1413  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1414

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1415  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1416  
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 1417

of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1418  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1419  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1420  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1421  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1422  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1423  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1424  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1425  
successor is elected and qualified. 1426

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1427  
county, Columbiana county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam 1428  
county, Sandusky county, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1429  
municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population 1430  
of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk 1431  
shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office 1432  
until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 1433

(b) In the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1434  
municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of 1435  
office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section. 1436

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1437  
Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1438  
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1439  
Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1440  
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown 1441  
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1442  
county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for 1443  
each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1444  
1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge 1445  
of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive 1446  
the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The 1447

clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1448  
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting 1449  
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1450  
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1451  
municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall 1452  
receive compensation payable from the county treasury in 1453  
semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is 1454  
prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1455  
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1456  
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1457  
Code. 1458

(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1459  
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1460  
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1461  
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1462  
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1463  
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1464  
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1465  
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1466  
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1467  
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1468  
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1469  
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1470  
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1471  
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1472  
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1473  
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1474  
Revised Code. 1475

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1476  
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1477  
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1478

the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1479

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1480  
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1481  
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1482  
Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs in 1483  
the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1484  
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1485  
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1486  
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1487  
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1488  
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1489  
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1490  
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1491  
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1492  
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1493  
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1494  
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1495  
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1496  
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1497  
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1498  
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1499  
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1500  
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1501  
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1502  
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1503  
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1504  
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1505  
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1506  
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1507  
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1508  
after the vacancy occurred. 1509

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1510  
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Holmes 1511  
county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1512  
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1513  
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1514  
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1515  
compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1516  
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1517  
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1518  
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1519  
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1520  
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1521  
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1522  
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1523  
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1524  
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1525  
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1526  
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Perry 1527  
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1528  
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1529  
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1530  
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1531  
expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar 1532  
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1533  
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1534  
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1535  
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1536  
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1537  
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1538  
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1539  
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1540  
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1541

this section. 1542

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Hamilton county, 1543  
Montgomery county, Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne 1544  
county municipal courts, for which the population of the 1545  
territory is one hundred thousand or more, and in the Lorain 1546  
municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive 1547  
annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five per cent of 1548  
the salary of a judge of the court. 1549

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1550  
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1551  
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1552  
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1553  
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1554  
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1555  
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1556  
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1557

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1558  
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1559  
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1560  
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 1561  
duties. 1562

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1563  
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1564  
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1565  
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1566  
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1567  
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1568  
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1569  
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1570  
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1571

found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at all times.

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all of which shall be the public records of the court. In the docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may order an extended record of any of the above to be made and entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the request of any party to the case, the expense of which record may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the court.

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which they are collected disburse to the



proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1603  
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1604  
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1605  
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1606  
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1607  
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1608  
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1609  
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1610  
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1611  
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1612  
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1613  
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1614  
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1615  
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1616  
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1617  
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1618  
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1619  
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1620  
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1621  
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1622  
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1623  
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1624  
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1625  
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1626  
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1627  
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1628  
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1629  
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1630  
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1631  
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1632  
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1633  
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1634

clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1635  
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1636  
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1637  
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1638  
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1639  
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1640

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1641  
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1642  
deposited in a state or national bank, or a domestic savings and 1643  
loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised 1644  
Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon 1645  
the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, 1646  
in a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid 1647  
into the treasury of the county in which the court is located. 1648

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1649  
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1650  
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1651  
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1652  
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1653  
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1654  
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 1655  
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1656  
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1657  
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1658  
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1659  
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1660  
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1661  
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1662

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 1663  
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 1664

shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 1665  
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 1666  
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 1667  
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 1668  
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 1669  
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 1670  
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 1671  
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 1672  
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 1673  
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 1674  
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1675  
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 1676  
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 1677  
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 1678  
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 1679  
of the deputy clerk's duties. 1680

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 1681  
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 1682  
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 1683  
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 1684  
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 1685  
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 1686  
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 1687  
population of at least one hundred thousand. 1688

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 1689  
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 1690  
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1691  
and receive verdicts. 1692

**Sec. 1901.312.** (A) As used in this section, "health care 1693  
coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the 1694

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(B) The legislative authority, after consultation with the 1696  
clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, shall negotiate 1697  
and contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure group health 1698  
care coverage for the clerk and deputy clerks and their spouses 1699  
and dependents from insurance companies authorized to engage in 1700  
the business of insurance in this state under Title XXXIX of the 1701  
Revised Code or health insuring corporations holding 1702  
certificates of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised 1703  
Code, except that if the county or municipal corporation served 1704  
by the legislative authority provides group health care coverage 1705  
for its employees, the group health care coverage required by 1706  
this section shall be provided, if possible, through the policy 1707  
or plan under which the group health care coverage is provided 1708  
for the county or municipal corporation employees. 1709

(C) The portion of the costs, premiums, or charges for the 1710  
group health care coverage procured pursuant to division (B) of 1711  
this section that is not paid by the clerk and deputy clerks of 1712  
the municipal court, or all of the costs, premiums, or charges 1713  
for the group health care coverage if the clerk and deputy 1714  
clerks will not be paying any such portion, shall be paid as 1715  
follows: 1716

(1) If the municipal court is a county-operated municipal 1717  
court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges or all of 1718  
the costs, premiums, or charges shall be paid out of the 1719  
treasury of the county. 1720

(2) (a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1721  
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1722  
in connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or 1723  
charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three- 1724

fifths and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and 1725  
appropriate county treasuries as described in division (C) of 1726  
section 1901.31 of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a 1727  
city treasury is subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 1728  
of the Revised Code. 1729

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1730  
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1731  
in connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, 1732  
premiums, or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall 1733  
be paid from the city treasury and shall be subject to 1734  
apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1735

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the 1736  
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Perry county, Portage county, 1737  
Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court, if health care 1738  
coverage is provided to the clerk by virtue of the clerk's 1739  
employment as the clerk of the court of common pleas of Auglaize 1740  
county, Hamilton county, Perry county, Portage county, Putnam 1741  
county, or Wayne county. 1742

**Sec. 1901.34.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1743  
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1744  
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1745  
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1746  
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1747  
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1748  
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1749  
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1750  
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1751  
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1752  
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1753  
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1754

within the territory of the municipal court. 1755

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1756  
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1757  
Ottawa county, Perry county, Portage county, and Putnam county 1758  
prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court all 1759  
violations of state law arising in their respective counties. 1760  
The Carroll county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison 1761  
county, and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and beginning 1762  
January 1, 2008, the Erie county prosecuting attorney shall 1763  
prosecute all violations of state law arising within the 1764  
unincorporated areas of their respective counties. The 1765  
Columbiana county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the 1766  
Columbiana county municipal court all violations of state law 1767  
arising in the county, except for violations arising in the 1768  
municipal corporation of East Liverpool, Liverpool township, or 1769  
St. Clair township. The Darke county prosecuting attorney shall 1770  
prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all violations of 1771  
state law arising in the county, except for violations of state 1772  
law arising in the municipal corporation of Greenville and 1773  
violations of state law arising in the village of Versailles. 1774  
The Greene county board of county commissioners may provide for 1775  
the prosecution of all violations of state law arising within 1776  
the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located in 1777  
Greene county. The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall 1778  
prosecute in the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, 1779  
misdemeanor, and traffic violations arising in the 1780  
unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay 1781  
and all felony violations of state law and all violations 1782  
involving a state or county agency arising within the 1783  
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1784  
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1785

prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1786  
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1787  
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1788

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1789  
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1790  
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1791  
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1792  
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1793  
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1794  
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1795  
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1796  
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1797  
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1798

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1799  
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1800  
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1801  
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1802  
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1803  
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1804  
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1805  
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1806  
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1807

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1808  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1809  
Ottawa, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an 1810  
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1811  
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1812  
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1813  
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1814  
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1815

within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1816  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1817  
Ottawa, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an 1818  
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1819  
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective 1820  
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the 1821  
Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, 1822  
Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, 1823  
Perry county, Portage county, or Putnam county municipal court 1824  
for violations of the ordinances of the municipal corporation or 1825  
for criminal offenses other than violations of state law 1826  
occurring within the municipal corporation. For prosecuting 1827  
these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the municipal 1828  
corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the municipal 1829  
corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county treasury, 1830  
to be used to cover expenses of the office of the prosecuting 1831  
attorney. 1832

**Sec. 1907.11.** (A) Each county court district shall have 1833  
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1834

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1835  
shall be elected in 1982. 1836

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1837  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1838  
elected in 1982. 1839

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1840  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1841  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1842  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1843

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1844



shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1845  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1846  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1847

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1848  
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1849  
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1850

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge 1851  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1852  
elected in 1982. 1853

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1854  
shall be elected in 1982. 1855

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1856  
shall be elected in 1982. 1857

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1858  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1859  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1860  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1861

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1862  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1863  
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1864  
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1865  
1995, respectively. 1866

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 1867  
shall be elected in 1982. 1868

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 1869  
shall be elected in 1982. 1870

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 1871  
shall be elected in 1982. 1872

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1873  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1874  
elected in 1982. 1875

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1876  
shall be elected in 1982. 1877

In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge 1878  
shall be elected in 1982. 1879

~~In the Perry county county court, one part time judge 1880~~  
~~shall be elected in 1982. 1881~~

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1882  
be elected in 1982. 1883

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1884  
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1885  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1886  
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1887  
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1888  
1, 2013. 1889

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1890  
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1891  
elected in 1994. 1892

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1893  
shall be elected in 1982. 1894

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1895  
shall be elected in 1982. 1896

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1897  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1898  
elected in 1982. 1899

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

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

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** (A) Effective January 1, 2018, the Perry County County Court is abolished.

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other proceedings pending in the Perry County County Court at the close of business on December 31, 2017, shall be transferred to and proceed in the Perry County Municipal Court on January 1, 2018, as if originally instituted in the Perry County Municipal Court. Parties to those causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that are required to conform them to the rules of the Perry County Municipal Court. The Clerk of the Perry County County Court or other custodian shall transfer to the Perry County Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject to the jurisdiction of the Perry County County Court, or any officer of that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings at the close of business on December 31, 2017.

(C) All employees of the Perry County County Court shall

be transferred to and shall become employees of the Perry County  
Municipal Court on January 1, 2018. 1929  
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(D) Effective January 1, 2018, the part-time judgeship in 1931  
the Perry County County Court is abolished. 1932

**Section 4.** Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.31, 1933  
1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code, as amended 1934  
by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2018. 1935

**Section 5.** Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is 1936  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1937  
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 238 and Sub. H.B. 338 of the 128th General 1938  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1939  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1940  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1941  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1942  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1943  
as presented in this act. 1944