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S. B. No. 312

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A BILL

To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 and 1
to enact section 2101.027 of the Revised Code to 2
reallocate jurisdictional responsibilities of 3
current judges of the Hardin County Court of 4
Common Pleas and to create the Domestic 5
Relations Division of the Hardin County Court of 6
Common Pleas. 7

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 be 8
amended and section 2101.027 of the Revised Code be enacted to 9
read as follows: 10

Sec. 2101.027. (A) From January 1, 2023, through February 11
8, 2027, the probate judge of the court of common pleas of 12
Hardin county shall have all the powers relating to the general 13
division of the court of common pleas of Hardin county, shall be 14
the clerk of the probate court, and shall exercise jurisdiction 15
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 16
division. 17

(B) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hardin 18
county who is elected in 2026, and successors, is the successor 19

to the judge of the probate division of that court whose term 20
expires February 8, 2027, shall be designated as a judge of the 21
court of common pleas, general division, shall have all the 22
powers relating to the general division of the court of common 23
pleas of Hardin county, shall be the clerk of the probate court, 24
and shall exercise jurisdiction over matters that are within the 25
jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 26
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code and all matters 27
that are within the general division of that court, as set forth 28
in division (FF)(2) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 29

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record 30
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 31
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 32
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 33

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 34
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 35
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 36
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 37
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(FF)~~ 38
(GG) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 39
of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 40
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 41
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 42
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 43
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 44
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 45
act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 46
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 47
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 48
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 49

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 50
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 51
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 52
shall be as follows: 53

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 54
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 55

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 56
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 57
term to begin February 9, 1955; 58

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 59
to begin January 9, 1957; 60

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 61
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 62
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 63
begin January 1, 1957; 64

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 65
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 66
term to begin January 1, 2007; 67

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 68
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 69
term to begin January 2, 2005; 70

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 71
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 72
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 73

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 74
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 75
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 76

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 77

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| in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; | 78 |
| In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 79 |
| term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term | 80 |
| to begin January 1, 2005; | 81 |
| In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term | 82 |
| to begin May 9, 1957; | 83 |
| In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to | 84 |
| begin May 14, 1953; | 85 |
| In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to | 86 |
| begin July 6, 1956; | 87 |
| In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 88 |
| term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, | 89 |
| term to begin January 1, 1979; | 90 |
| <u>In Hardin County, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,</u> | 91 |
| <u>term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2026,</u> | 92 |
| <u>term to begin February 9, 2027.</u> | 93 |
| (B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in | 94 |
| 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected | 95 |
| in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be | 96 |
| elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; | 97 |
| In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in | 98 |
| 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, | 99 |
| term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, | 100 |
| term to begin January 2, 1979; | 101 |
| In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 102 |
| term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, | 103 |
| term to begin July 1, 1991; | 104 |

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 105
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, 106
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 107
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 108
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 109

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 110
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 111
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 112
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 113

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 114
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 115
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 116

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 117
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 118
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 119
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be 120
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 121

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 122
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 123
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 124

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 125
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 126
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 127

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 128
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 129
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 130
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 131

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 132
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 133

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| term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in | 134 |
| 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; | 135 |
| In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 136 |
| term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, | 137 |
| term to begin on January 1, 1971; | 138 |
| In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in | 139 |
| 1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, | 140 |
| term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, | 141 |
| term to begin January 2, 2003; | 142 |
| In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in | 143 |
| 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in | 144 |
| 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected | 145 |
| in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; | 146 |
| In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 147 |
| term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in | 148 |
| 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; | 149 |
| In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 150 |
| term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in | 151 |
| 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected | 152 |
| in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; | 153 |
| In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 154 |
| term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in | 155 |
| 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; | 156 |
| In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 157 |
| term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in | 158 |
| 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in | 159 |
| 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be | 160 |
| elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; | 161 |

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| In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in | 162 |
| 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in | 163 |
| 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; | 164 |
| In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, | 165 |
| term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in | 166 |
| 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected | 167 |
| in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991; | 168 |
| In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be | 169 |
| elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, | 170 |
| 1955, respectively; | 171 |
| In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, | 172 |
| term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, | 173 |
| term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, | 174 |
| term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in | 175 |
| 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; | 176 |
| In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in | 177 |
| 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in | 178 |
| 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in | 179 |
| 1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in | 180 |
| 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected | 181 |
| in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; | 182 |
| In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in | 183 |
| 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be | 184 |
| elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; | 185 |
| In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in | 186 |
| 1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected | 187 |
| in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be | 188 |
| elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; | 189 |
| In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, | 190 |

term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 191
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 192
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 193
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 194
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 195
begin January 6, 2001; 196

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 197
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 198
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 199
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 200
begin January 1, 2005; 201

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 202
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 203
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 204
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 205
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 206
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 207
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 208
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 209
January 6, 2007; 210

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 211
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 212
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 213
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 214
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 215
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 216
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 217
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 218
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 219
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 220

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 221
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 222
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 223
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 224
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 225

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 226
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 227
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 228

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 229
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 230
term to begin January 2, 1969; 231

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 232
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 233
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 234
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 235
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 236
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 237
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 238

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 239
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 240
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 241
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 242
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 243
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 244
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 245
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 246
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 247
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 248
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 249
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 250

January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 251
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 252
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 253
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 254
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 255
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 256
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 257

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 258
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 259
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 260
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 261
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 262
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 263
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 264
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 265
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 266
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 267
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 268
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 269
2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 270
one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 271
one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 3, 2021; 272

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 273
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 274
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 275
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 276
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 277
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 278
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 279
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 280
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 281

elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 282
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 283
1997, respectively; 284

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 285
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 286
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 287
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 288
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 289
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 290
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 291
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 292
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 293
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 294
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 295
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 296
begin January 2, 1993; 297

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 298
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 299
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 300
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 301
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 302
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 303
July 1, 1991; 304

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 305
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 306
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 307
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 308
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 309
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 310
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 311

successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 312
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 313
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 314
begin January 1, 1993; 315

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 316
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 317
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 318
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 319
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 320
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 321
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 322
respectively; 323

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 324
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 325
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 326
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 327
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 328
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 329
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 330
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 331
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 332
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 333

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 334
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 335
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 336
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 337
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 338
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 339
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 340
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 341

office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 342
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 343
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 344
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 345
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 346
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 347
be reduced. 348

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 349
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 350
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 351
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 352
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 353
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 354
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 355
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 356
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 357
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 358
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 359
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 360
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 361
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 362
probate division. 363

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 364
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 365
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 366
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 367
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 368
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 369
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 370
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 371
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 372

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 373
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 374
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 375
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 376
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 377
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 378
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 379
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 380
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 381
subdivisions and departments. 382

(B) In Hamilton county: 383

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 384
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 385
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 386
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 387
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 388
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 389

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 390
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 391
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 392
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 393
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 394
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 395
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 396
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 397
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 398
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 399
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 400
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 401
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 402

August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 403
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 404
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 405
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 406
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 407
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 408
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 409
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 410
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 411
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 412
year. 413

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 414
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 415
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 416
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 417
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 418
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 419
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 420
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 421
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 422

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 423
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 424
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 425
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 426
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 427
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 428
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 429
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 430
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 431
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 432
are parties to an action pending in the division. 433

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 434
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 435
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 436
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 437
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 438
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 439
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 440
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 441
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 442
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 443
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 444
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 445
division of domestic relations. 446

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 447
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 448
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 449
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 450
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 451
relations. 452

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 453
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 454
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 455
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 456
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 457
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 458
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 459
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 460
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 461
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 462

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 463

county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 464
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 465
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 466
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 467
drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 468
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 469
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 470
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 471
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 472
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 473

A judge of the general division of the court of common 474
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 475
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 476
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 477
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 478
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 479
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 480
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 481
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 482
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 483
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 484
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 485
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 486

A judge of the general division of the court of common 487
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 488
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 489
division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 490
both of the following apply: 491

(a) One of the following applies: 492

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 493

section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 494
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 495
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 496
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 497

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 498
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 499
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 500
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 501
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 502
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 503
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 504
treatment. 505

(b) All of the following apply: 506

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 507
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 508
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 509
to be imposed. 510

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 511

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 512

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 513
drug or alcohol driven. 514

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 515
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 516

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 517

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 518
prosecutor approves of the referral. 519

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 520

pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 521
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 522
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 523
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 524
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 525
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 526
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 527
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 528
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 529
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 530

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 531
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 532
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 533
Revised Code. 534

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 535

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 536
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 537
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 538
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 539
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 540
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 541
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 542
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 543
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 544
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 545
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 546
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 547
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 548
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 549
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 550

shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 551
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 552
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 553
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 554
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 555
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 556
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 557
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 558
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 559
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 560
other judge of the court of common pleas. 561

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 562
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 563
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 564
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 565
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 566
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 567
Code. 568

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 569
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 570
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 571
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 572
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 573
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 574
probate judge. 575

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 576
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 577
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 578
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 579
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 580

judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 581
relations. 582

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 583
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 584
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 585
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 586
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 587
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 588
relations. 589

(D) In Lucas county: 590

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 591
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 592
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 593
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 594
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 595
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 596
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 597
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 598
assigned to them. 599

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 600
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 601
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 602
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 603
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 604
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 605

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 606
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 607
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 608
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 609

of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 610
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 611
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 612
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 613
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 614
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 615
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 616
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 617
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 618
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 619
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 620
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 621
in the discharge of their various duties. 622

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 623
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 624
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 625
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 626
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 627
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 628
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 629
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 630
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 631
parties to an action pending in the division. 632

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 633
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 634
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 635
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 636
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 637
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 638

(E) In Mahoning county: 639

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 640
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 641
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 642
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 643
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 644
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 645
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 646
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 647
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 648
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 649
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 650
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 651
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 652
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 653
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 654
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 655
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 656

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 657
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 658
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 659
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 660
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 661
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 662
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 663
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 664
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 665
action pending in the division. 666

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 667
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 668
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 669
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 670

common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 671
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 672
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 673
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 674
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 675
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 676
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 677
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 678
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 679
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 680
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 681
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 682

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 683
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 684
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 685
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 686
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 687
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 688
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 689
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 690
action pending in the division. 691

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 692
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 693
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 694
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 695
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 696
of common pleas. 697

(F) In Montgomery county: 698

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 699
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 700

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 701
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 702
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 703
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 704
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 705
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 706
and annulment cases. 707

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 708
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 709
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 710
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 711
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 712
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 713
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 714
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 715
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 716
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 717
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 718
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 719
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 720
fix their duties. 721

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 722
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 723
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 724
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 725
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 726
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 727
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 728
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 729
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 730

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 731
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 732
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 733
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 734
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 735
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 736
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 737
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 738
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 739
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 740
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 741
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 742
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 743
conciliation services that are available upon request to 744
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 745
the division. 746

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 747
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 748
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 749
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 750
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 751
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 752
of those divisions. 753

(G) In Richland county: 754

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 755
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 756
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 757
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 758
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 759
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 760

domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 761
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 762
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 763
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 764
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 765
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 766
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 767
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 768
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 769
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 770
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 771
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 772
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 773
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 774
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 775
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 776
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 777
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 778
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 779
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 780
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 781
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 782
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 783
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 784
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 785
of those matters. 786

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 787
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 788
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 789
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 790
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 791

domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 792
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 793
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 794
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 795
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 796
shall fix their duties. 797

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 798
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 799
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 800
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 801
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 802
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 803
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 804
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 805
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 806
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 807
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 808
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 809
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 810
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 811
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 812
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 813
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 814
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 815
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 816
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 817

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 818
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 819
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 820
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 821
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 822

handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 823
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 824
discharge of the judge's various duties. 825

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 826
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 827
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 828
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 829
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 830
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 831
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 832
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 833
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 834

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 835
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 836
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 837
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 838
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 839
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 840
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 841
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 842
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 843
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 844
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 845
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 846
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 847
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 848

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 849
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 850
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 851
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 852

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary referees required for the judge's respective court.

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge to serve.

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark county, as being references to "the family court division" or "the judge of the family court division."

(I) In Summit county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and

annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 883
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 884
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 885
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 886
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 887
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 888
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 889
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 890
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 891
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 892
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 893

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 894
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 895
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 896
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 897
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 898
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 899
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 900
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 901
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 902
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 903
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 904
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 905
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 906
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 907
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 908
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 909
action pending in the division. 910

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 911
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 912
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 913

receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 914
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 915
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 916
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 917
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 918
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 919
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 920
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 921
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 922
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 923
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 924
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 925
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 926
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 927
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 928
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 929

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 930
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 931
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 932
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 933
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 934
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 935
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 936
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 937
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 938
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 939
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 940
conciliation services that are available upon request to 941
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 942
the division. 943

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 944

pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 945
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 946
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 947
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 948
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 949
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 950
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 951
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 952
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 953
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 954
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 955
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 956
court of common pleas. 957

(K) In Butler county: 958

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 959
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 960
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 961
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 962
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 963
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 964
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 965
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 966
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 967
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 968
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 969
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 970
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 971
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 972
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 973
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 974
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 975

cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 976
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 977
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 978
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 979
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 980
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 981
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 982
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 983
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 984
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 985
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 986
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 987
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 988
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 989
division. 990

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 991
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 992
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 993
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 994
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 995
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 996
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 997
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 998
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 999
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1000

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1001
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1002
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1003
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1004
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1005
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1006

division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1007
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1008
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1009
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1010
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1011
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1012
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1013
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1014
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1015
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1016
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1017
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1018
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1019
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1020
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1021
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1022
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1023
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1024
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1025
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1026
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1027
various duties. 1028

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1029
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1030
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1031
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1032
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1033
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1034
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1035
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1036
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1037

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

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

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county: 1067

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1068
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1069
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1070
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1071
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1072
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1073
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1074
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1075
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1076
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1077
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1078
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1079
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1080
division. 1081

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1082
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1083
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1084
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1085
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1086
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1087
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1088
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1089
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1090
division, who request the services. 1091

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1092
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1093
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1094
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1095
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1096

judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1097
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1098
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1099
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1100
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1101
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1102
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1103
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1104
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1105
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1106
the judge's various duties. 1107

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1108
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1109
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1110
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1111
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1112
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1113
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1114
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1115
request the services. 1116

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1117
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1118
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1119
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1120
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1121
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1122

(N) In Erie county: 1123

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1124
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1125
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1126

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1127
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1128
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1129
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1130
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1131
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1132
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1133
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1134
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1135
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1136
other judge. 1137

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1138
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1139
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1140
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1141
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1142
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1143
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1144

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1145
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1146
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1147
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1148
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1149
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1150
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1151
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1152
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1153
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1154
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1155
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1156

(0) In Greene county: 1157

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1158
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1159
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1160
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1161
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1162
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1163
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1164
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1165
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1166
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1167
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1168
court of common pleas. 1169

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1170
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1171
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1172
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1173
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1174
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1175
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1176
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1177
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1178
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1179
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1180
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1181
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1182
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1183
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1184
general division of the court of common pleas. 1185

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1186

begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1187
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1188
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1189
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1190
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1191
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1192
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1193
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1194
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1195
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1196
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1197
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1198
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1199
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1200
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1201
the judge's various duties. 1202

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1203
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1204
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1205
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1206
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1207
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1208
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1209
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1210
request the services. 1211

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1212
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1213
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1214
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1215
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1216
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1217

division. 1218

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1219
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1220
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1221
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1222
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1223
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1224
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1225
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1226
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1227
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1228
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1229
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1230
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1231
domestic relations division. 1232

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1233
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1234
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1235
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1236
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1237
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1238
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1239
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1240
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1241
division, who request the services. 1242

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1243
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1244
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1245
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1246
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1247

be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1248
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1249
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1250
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1251
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1252
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1253
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1254
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1255
domestic relations division. 1256

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1257
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1258
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1259
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1260
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1261
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1262
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1263
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1264
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1265
division, who request the services. 1266

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1267
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1268
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1269
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1270
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1271
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1272
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1273
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1274
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1275
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1276
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1277
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1278

employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1279
domestic relations division. 1280

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

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1291
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1292
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1293
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1294
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1295
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1296
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1297
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1298
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1299
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1300
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1301
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1302
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1303
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1304
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1305
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1306
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1307
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1308
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1309

employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1310

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1311
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1312
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1313
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1314
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1315
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1316
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1317
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1318
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1319
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1320
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1321
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1322
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1323
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1324
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1325
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1326

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1327
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1328
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1329
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1330
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1331
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1332
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1333
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1334
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1335
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1336
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1337
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1338
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1339
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1340

cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1341
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1342
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1343
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1344
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1345

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1346
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1347
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1348
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1349
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1350
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1351
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1352
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1353
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1354
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1355
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1356
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1357
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1358
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1359
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1360

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1361
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1362
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1363
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1364
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1365
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1366
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1367
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1368
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1369
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1370
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1371

of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division.

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

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,

and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1403
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1404
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1405
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1406
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1407
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1408
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1409
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1410
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1411
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1412
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1413
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1414
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1415
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1416
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1417
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1418
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1419
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1420
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1421
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1422
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1423
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1424
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1425
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1426
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1427
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1428

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1429
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1430
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1431
personnel of the division. 1432

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1433

allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1434
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1435
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1436
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1437
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1438
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1439
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1440
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1441
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1442
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1443
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1444
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1445
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1446
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1447
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1448
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1449
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1450
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1451
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1452
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1453
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1454
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1455
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1456
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1457
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1458
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1459
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1460
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1461
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1462
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1463
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1464

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1465
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1466
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1467
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1468
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1469
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1470
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1471
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1472
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1473
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1474
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1475
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1476
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1477
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1478
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1479
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1480
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1481
and the judges of the general division. 1482

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1483
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1484
children services board and the county advisory board. 1485

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1486
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1487
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1488
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1489
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1490
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1491
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1492
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1493
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1494
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1495

shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1496
domestic relations of that court. 1497

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1498
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1499
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1500
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1501
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1502
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1503
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1504
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1505
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1506
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1507
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1508
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1509
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1510
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1511
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1512
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1513
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1514
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1515
the personnel of the division. 1516

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1517
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1518
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1519
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1520
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1521
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1522
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1523
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1524
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1525
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1526

for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1527
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1528
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1529
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1530
pending in the division, who request the services. 1531

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1532
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1533
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1534
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1535
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1536
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1537
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1538
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1539
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1540
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1541
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1542
duties. 1543

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1544
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1545
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1546
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1547
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1548
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1549
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1550
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1551
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1552
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1553
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1554
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1555
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1556
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1557

for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1558
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1559
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1560
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1561
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1562
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1563
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1564
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1565
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1566
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1567
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1568
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1569
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1570
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1571
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1572
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1573
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1574
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1575
(Z) (1) of this section. 1576

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1577
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1578
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1579
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1580
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1581
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1582
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1583
pleas of Marion county. 1584

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1585
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1586
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1587
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1588

probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1589
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1590
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1591
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1592
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1593
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1594
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1595
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1596
common pleas of Marion county. 1597

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1598
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1599
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1600
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1601
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1602
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1603
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1604
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1605
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1606
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1607
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1608
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1609
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1610
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1611
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1612
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1613
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1614
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1615
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1616

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1617
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1618
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1619

personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1620
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1621
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1622
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1623
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1624
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1625
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1626
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1627
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1628
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1629
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1630
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1631

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1632
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1633
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1634
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1635
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1636
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1637
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1638
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1639
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1640
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1641
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1642
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1643
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1644
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1645
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1646
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1647
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1648
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1649
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1650

the court of common pleas. 1651

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1652
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1653
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1654
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1655
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1656
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1657
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1658
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1659
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1660
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1661
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1662
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1663
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1664
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1665
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1666
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1667
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1668
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1669
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1670
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1671
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1672
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1673
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1674
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1675
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1676
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1677
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1678
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1679
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1680
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1681

that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1682
section. 1683

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1684
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1685
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1686
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1687
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1688
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1689
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1690

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1691
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1692
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1693
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1694
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1695
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1696
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1697
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1698
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1699
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1700
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1701
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1702

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1703
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1704
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1705
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1706
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1707
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1708
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1709
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1710
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1711

specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1712
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1713
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1714
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1715
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1716
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1717
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1718
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1719
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1720
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1721
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1722
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1723
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1724
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1725
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1726
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1727
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1728
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1729
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1730
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1731
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1732
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1733
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1734
section. 1735

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1736
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1737
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1738
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1739
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1740
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1741
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1742

in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1743
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1744
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1745
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1746
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1747
probate division. 1748

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1749
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1750
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1751
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1752
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1753
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1754
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1755
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1756
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1757
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1758
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1759
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1760
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1761
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1762
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1763
of common pleas. 1764

(FF) In Hardin county: 1765

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1766
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1767
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1768
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1769
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1770
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1771
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1772

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1773
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1774
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1775
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1776
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1777
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1778
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1779
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1780
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1781
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1782
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1783
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1784
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1785
the court of common pleas. 1786

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1787
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 1788
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 1789
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 1790
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 1791
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1792
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1793

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1794
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1795
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1796
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1797
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1798
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1799
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1800
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1801
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1802

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 1803
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1804