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**Cosponsor: Senator Coley**

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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 2151.07, 1  
2301.02, and 2301.03 and to enact section 2  
2101.027 of the Revised Code to reallocate 3  
jurisdictional responsibilities of current 4  
judges of the Hardin County Court of Common 5  
Pleas, to create the Domestic Relations Division 6  
of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas, and 7  
to modify the provisions regarding the 8  
reimbursement of assigned municipal and county 9  
court judges. 10

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 2151.07, 11  
2301.02, and 2301.03 be amended and section 2101.027 of the 12  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 13

**Sec. 1901.123.** (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under 14  
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in 15  
which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court 16  
is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an 17  
acting judge appointed pursuant to division (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), 18

or (C) (1) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled 19  
pursuant to division (A) (1) of section 1901.122 of the Revised 20  
Code. 21

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county-operated 22  
municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay 23  
the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned 24  
pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) 25  
of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to 26  
division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code. 27

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this 28  
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county-operated 29  
municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay 30  
the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned 31  
pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) 32  
of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to 33  
division (B) (2) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code. 34

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this 35  
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation 36  
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), 37  
(A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the 38  
Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 39  
1901.122 of the Revised Code. 40

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division 41  
(A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay ~~any the per~~ 42  
diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 43  
~~entitled under division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the~~ 44  
~~Revised Code~~, shall submit to the administrative director of the 45  
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state 46  
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall 47  
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an 48

affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the 49  
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause 50  
reimbursements of ~~those~~ the state portion of the per diem 51  
amounts paid to be issued to the county if the administrative 52  
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid. 53

(C) ~~The~~ If the supreme court, pursuant to division ~~(A) (2)~~ 54  
(A) (4) of this section, is required to pay ~~any~~ the per diem 55  
compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled ~~under~~ 56  
~~division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.~~ 57  
~~Annually,~~ annually, on the first day of August, the 58  
administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a 59  
billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a 60  
judge was assigned to a municipal court for reimbursement of the 61  
county or local portion of the per diem compensation previously 62  
paid by the ~~state~~ supreme court for the twelve-month period 63  
preceding the last day of June. The county or local portion of 64  
the per diem compensation shall be that part of each per diem 65  
paid by the state which is proportional to the county or local 66  
shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of such 67  
court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within 68  
thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the county treasurer 69  
shall seek reimbursement from the applicable local 70  
municipalities as appropriate. 71

**Sec. 1907.143.** (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under 72  
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in 73  
which a county court is located shall pay the per diem 74  
compensation to which an acting judge appointed pursuant to 75  
division ~~(A) (2) (b)~~ (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), or (C) (1) of section 76  
1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division 77  
(A) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code. 78

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county court is 79  
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned 80  
judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), 81  
or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled 82  
pursuant to division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1907.142 of the 83  
Revised Code. 84

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this 85  
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county court is 86  
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned 87  
judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), 88  
or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled 89  
pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1907.142 of the Revised 90  
Code. 91

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this 92  
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation 93  
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), 94  
(A) (2) (b), (B) (2), or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised 95  
Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 1907.142 96  
of the Revised Code. 97

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division 98  
(A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay ~~any~~ the per 99  
diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 100  
~~entitled under division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the~~ 101  
~~Revised Code,~~ shall submit to the administrative director of the 102  
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state 103  
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall 104  
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an 105  
affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the 106  
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause 107  
reimbursements of ~~those~~ the state portion of the per diem 108

amounts paid to be issued to the county if the administrative 109  
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid. 110

(C) ~~The~~ If the supreme court, pursuant to division ~~(A) (2)~~ 111  
(A) (4) of this section, is required to pay ~~any~~ the per diem 112  
compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled ~~under~~ 113  
~~division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.~~ 114  
~~Annually,~~ annually, on the first day of August, the 115  
administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a 116  
billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a 117  
judge was assigned to a county court for reimbursement of the 118  
county portion of the per diem compensation previously paid by 119  
the ~~state~~ supreme court for the twelve-month period preceding 120  
the last day of June. The county portion of the per diem 121  
compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the 122  
state which is proportional to the county shares of the total 123  
compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county 124  
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. After 125  
forwarding the payment, the county treasurer shall seek 126  
reimbursement from the applicable local municipalities as 127  
appropriate. 128

**Sec. 2101.027.** (A) From January 1, 2023, through February 129  
8, 2027, the probate judge of the court of common pleas of 130  
Hardin county shall have all the powers relating to the general 131  
division of the court of common pleas of Hardin county, shall be 132  
the clerk of the probate court, and shall exercise jurisdiction 133  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 134  
division. 135

(B) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hardin 136  
county who is elected in 2026, and successors, is the successor 137  
to the judge of the probate division of that court whose term 138

expires February 8, 2027, shall be designated as a judge of the 139  
court of common pleas, general division, shall have all the 140  
powers relating to the general division of the court of common 141  
pleas of Hardin county, shall be the clerk of the probate court, 142  
and shall exercise jurisdiction over matters that are within the 143  
jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 144  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code and all matters 145  
that are within the general division of that court, as set forth 146  
in division (FF)(2) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 147

**Sec. 2151.07.** The juvenile court is a court of record 148  
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 149  
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 150  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 151

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 152  
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 153  
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 154  
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 155  
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(FF)~~ 156  
(GG) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 157  
of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 158  
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 159  
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 160  
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 161  
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 162  
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 163  
act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 164  
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 165  
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 166  
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 167

**Sec. 2301.02.** The number of judges of the court of common 168

pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 169  
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 170  
shall be as follows: 171

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 172  
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 173

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 174  
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 175  
term to begin February 9, 1955; 176

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 177  
to begin January 9, 1957; 178

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 179  
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 180  
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 181  
begin January 1, 1957; 182

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 183  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 184  
term to begin January 1, 2007; 185

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 186  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 187  
term to begin January 2, 2005; 188

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 189  
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 190  
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 191

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 192  
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 193  
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 194

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 195  
in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 196

In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	197
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term	198
to begin January 1, 2005;	199
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term	200
to begin May 9, 1957;	201
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	202
begin May 14, 1953;	203
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	204
begin July 6, 1956;	205
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	206
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	207
term to begin January 1, 1979;	208
<u>In Hardin County, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,</u>	209
<u>term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2026,</u>	210
<u>term to begin February 9, 2027.</u>	211
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in	212
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected	213
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be	214
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	215
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in	216
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960,	217
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978,	218
term to begin January 2, 1979;	219
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	220
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990,	221
term to begin July 1, 1991;	222
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	223
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,	224



term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004,	225
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in	226
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	227
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in	228
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected	229
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be	230
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	231
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	232
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	233
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	234
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	235
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	236
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	237
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	238
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	239
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	240
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	241
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	242
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	243
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	244
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	245
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	246
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	247
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	248
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	249
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	250
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	251
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	252
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	253

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	254
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	255
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	256
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	257
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	258
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	259
term to begin January 2, 2003;	260
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	261
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	262
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	263
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	264
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	265
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	266
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	267
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	268
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	269
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	270
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	271
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	272
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	273
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	274
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	275
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	276
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	277
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	278
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	279
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	280
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	281
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	282

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	283
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in	284
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected	285
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	286
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be	287
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9,	288
1955, respectively;	289
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952,	290
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956,	291
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986,	292
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in	293
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	294
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in	295
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	296
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in	297
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in	298
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected	299
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	300
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in	301
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be	302
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	303
In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in	304
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected	305
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be	306
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;	307
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958,	308
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960,	309
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964,	310
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be	311

elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 2001;

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

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

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

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in

1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be	342
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;	343
In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in	344
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be	345
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	346
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	347
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968,	348
term to begin January 2, 1969;	349
In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952,	350
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954,	351
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956,	352
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964,	353
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976,	354
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in	355
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;	356
(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be	357
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning	358
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	359
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on	360
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8,	361
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January	362
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to	363
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two	364
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and	365
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term	366
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms	367
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to	368
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on	369
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be	370
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning	371

January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 372  
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 373  
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 374  
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 375

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 376  
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 377  
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 378  
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 379  
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 380  
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 381  
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 382  
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 383  
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 384  
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 385  
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 386  
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 387  
2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 388  
one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 389  
one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 3, 2021; 390

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 391  
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 392  
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 393  
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 394  
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 395  
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 396  
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 397  
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 398  
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 399  
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 400  
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 401  
1997, respectively; 402

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 1993;

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

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 434  
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 435  
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 436  
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 437  
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 438  
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 439  
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 440  
respectively; 441

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 442  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 443  
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 444  
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 445  
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 446  
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 447  
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 448  
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 449  
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 450  
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 451

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 452  
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 453  
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 454  
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 455  
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 456  
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 457  
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 458  
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 459  
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 460  
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 461  
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 462  
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 463  
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 464



that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 465  
be reduced. 466

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 467  
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 468  
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 469  
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 470  
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 471  
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 472  
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 473  
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 474  
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 475  
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 476  
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 477  
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 478  
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 479  
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 480  
probate division. 481

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 482  
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 483  
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 484  
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 485  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 486  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 487  
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 488  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 489  
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 490  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 491  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 492  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 493  
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 494  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 495

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 496  
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 497  
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 498  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 499  
subdivisions and departments. 500

(B) In Hamilton county: 501

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 502  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 503  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 504  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 505  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 506  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 507

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 508  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 509  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 510  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 511  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 512  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 513  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 514  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 515  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 516  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 517  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 518  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 519  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 520  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 521  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 522  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 523  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 524  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 525

of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 526  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 527  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 528  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 529  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 530  
year. 531

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 532  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 533  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 534  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 535  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 536  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 537  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 538  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 539  
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 540

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 541  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 542  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 543  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 544  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 545  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 546  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 547  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 548  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 549  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 550  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 551

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 552  
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 553  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 554  
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 555

division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 556  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 557  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 558  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 559  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 560  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 561  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 562  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 563  
division of domestic relations. 564

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 565  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 566  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 567  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 568  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 569  
relations. 570

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 571  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 572  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 573  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 574  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 575  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 576  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 577  
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 578  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 579  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 580

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 581  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 582  
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 583  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 584  
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 585

drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 586  
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 587  
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 588  
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 589  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 590  
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 591

A judge of the general division of the court of common 592  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 593  
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 594  
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 595  
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 596  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 597  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 598  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 599  
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 600  
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 601  
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 602  
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 603  
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 604

A judge of the general division of the court of common 605  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 606  
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 607  
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 608  
both of the following apply: 609

(a) One of the following applies: 610

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 611  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 612  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 613  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 614  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 615

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 616  
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 617  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 618  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 619  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 620  
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 621  
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 622  
treatment. 623

(b) All of the following apply: 624

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 625  
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 626  
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 627  
to be imposed. 628

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 629

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 630

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 631  
drug or alcohol driven. 632

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 633  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 634

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 635

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 636  
prosecutor approves of the referral. 637

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 638  
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 639  
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 640  
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 641  
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 642  
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 643

drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 644  
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 645  
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 646  
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 647  
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 648

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 649  
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 650  
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 651  
Revised Code. 652

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 653

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 654  
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 655  
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 656  
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 657  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 658  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 659  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 660  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 661  
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 662  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 663  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 664  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 665  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 666  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 667  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 668  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 669  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 670  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 671  
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 672  
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 673

and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 674  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 675  
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 676  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 677  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 678  
other judge of the court of common pleas. 679

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 680  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 681  
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 682  
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 683  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 684  
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 685  
Code. 686

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 687  
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 688  
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 689  
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 690  
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 691  
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 692  
probate judge. 693

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 694  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 695  
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 696  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 697  
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 698  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 699  
relations. 700

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 701  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 702  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 703



the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 704  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 705  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 706  
relations. 707

(D) In Lucas county: 708

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 709  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 710  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 711  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 712  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 713  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 714  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 715  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 716  
assigned to them. 717

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 718  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 719  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 720  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 721  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 722  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 723

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 724  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 725  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 726  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 727  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 728  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 729  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 730  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 731  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 732  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 733

juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 734  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 735  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 736  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 737  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 738  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 739  
in the discharge of their various duties. 740

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 741  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 742  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 743  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 744  
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 745  
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 746  
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 747  
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 748  
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 749  
parties to an action pending in the division. 750

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 751  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 752  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 753  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 754  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 755  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 756

(E) In Mahoning county: 757

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 758  
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 759  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 760  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 761  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 762  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 763

relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 764  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 765  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 766  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 767  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 768  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 769  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 770  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 771  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 772  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 773  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 774

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 775  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 776  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 777  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 778  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 779  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 780  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 781  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 782  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 783  
action pending in the division. 784

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 785  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 786  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 787  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 788  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 789  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 790  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 791  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 792  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 793  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 794

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 795  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 796  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 797  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 798  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 799  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 800

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 801  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 802  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 803  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 804  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 805  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 806  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 807  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 808  
action pending in the division. 809

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 810  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 811  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 812  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 813  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 814  
of common pleas. 815

(F) In Montgomery county: 816

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 817  
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 818  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 819  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 820  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 821  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 822  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 823  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 824

and annulment cases. 825

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 826  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 827  
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 828  
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 829  
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 830  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 831  
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 832  
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 833  
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 834  
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 835  
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 836  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 837  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 838  
fix their duties. 839

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 840  
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 841  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 842  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 843  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 844  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 845  
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 846  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 847  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 848

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 849  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 850  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 851  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 852  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 853  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 854

engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 855  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 856  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 857  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 858  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 859  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 860  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 861  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 862  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 863  
the division. 864

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 865  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 866  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 867  
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 868  
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 869  
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 870  
of those divisions. 871

(G) In Richland county: 872

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 873  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 874  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 875  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 876  
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 877  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 878  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 879  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 880  
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 881  
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 882  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 883  
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 884

jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 885  
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 886  
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 887  
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 888  
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 889  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 890  
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 891  
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 892  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 893  
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 894  
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 895  
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 896  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 897  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 898  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 899  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 900  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 901  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 902  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 903  
of those matters. 904

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 905  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 906  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 907  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 908  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 909  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 910  
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 911  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 912  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 913  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 914  
shall fix their duties. 915

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

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall



fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 947  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 948  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 949  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 950  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 951  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 952

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 953  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 954  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 955  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 956  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 957  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 958  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 959  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 960  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 961  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 962  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 963  
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 964  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 965  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 966

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 967  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 968  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 969  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 970  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 971  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 972

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 973  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 974  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 975  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 976

of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 977  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 978  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 979  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 980  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 981  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 982  
juvenile judge to serve. 983

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 984  
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 985  
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 986  
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 987  
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 988  
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 989  
"the judge of the family court division." 990

(I) In Summit county: 991

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 992  
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 993  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 994  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 995  
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 996  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 997  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 998  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 999  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1000  
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 1001  
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1002  
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 1003  
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 1004  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 1005  
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1006

and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 1007  
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 1008  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 1009  
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 1010  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1011

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1012  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1013  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 1014  
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 1015  
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 1016  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1017  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1018  
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 1019  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1020  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1021  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1022  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1023  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1024  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1025  
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1026  
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1027  
action pending in the division. 1028

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1029  
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1030  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1031  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1032  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1033  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1034  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1035  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1036  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1037

jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1038  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1039  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 1040  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1041  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 1042  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 1043  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 1044  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1045  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1046  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1047

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1048  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1049  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1050  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1051  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1052  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1053  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1054  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1055  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1056  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1057  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1058  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1059  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1060  
the division. 1061

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1062  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1063  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1064  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1065  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 1066  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1067  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1068

all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1069  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1070  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1071  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1072  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1073  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1074  
court of common pleas. 1075

(K) In Butler county: 1076

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1077  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1078  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1079  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1080  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1081  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1082  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1083  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1084  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1085  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1086  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1087  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1088  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1089  
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1090  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1091  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1092  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1093  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1094  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1095  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1096  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1097  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1098  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1099

action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1100  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1101  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1102  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1103  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1104  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1105  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1106  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1107  
division. 1108

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1109  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1110  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1111  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1112  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1113  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1114  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1115  
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1116  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1117  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1118

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1119  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1120  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1121  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1122  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1123  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1124  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1125  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1126  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1127  
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1128  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1129  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1130

assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1131  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1132  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1133  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1134  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1135  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1136  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1137  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1138  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1139  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1140  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1141  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1142  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1143  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1144  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1145  
various duties. 1146

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1147  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1148  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1149  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1150  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1151  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1152  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1153  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1154  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1155

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1156  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1157  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1158  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1159  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1160  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1161

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1162  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1163  
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1164  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1165  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1166  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1167  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1168  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1169  
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1170  
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1171  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1172  
some special reason. 1173

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1174  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1175  
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1176

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1177  
supervision; 1178

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1179  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1180

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1181  
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1182  
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1183  
legal separation and annulment matters. 1184

(M) In Lake county: 1185

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1186  
begins on January 2, 1961, 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 Lake county and shall be elected and 1190



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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1210  
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1211  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1212  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1213  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1214  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1215  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1216  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1217  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1218  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1219  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1220  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1221

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1222  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1223  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1224  
the judge's various duties. 1225

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1226  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1227  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1228  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1229  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1230  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1231  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1232  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1233  
request the services. 1234

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1235  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1236  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1237  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1238  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1239  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1240

(N) In Erie county: 1241

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1242  
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1243  
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1244  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1245  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1246  
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1247  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1248  
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1249  
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1250  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1251

which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1252  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1253  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1254  
other judge. 1255

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1256  
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1257  
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1258  
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1259  
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1260  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1261  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1262

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1263  
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1264  
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1265  
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1266  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1267  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1268  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1269  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1270  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1271  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1272  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1273  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1274

(0) In Greene county: 1275

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1276  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1277  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1278  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1279  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1280  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1281

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1282  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1283  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1284  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1285  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1286  
court of common pleas. 1287

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1288  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1289  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1290  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1291  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1292  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1293  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1294  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1295  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1296  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1297  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1298  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1299  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1300  
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1301  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1302  
general division of the court of common pleas. 1303

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1304  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1305  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1306  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1307  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1308  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1309  
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1310  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1311  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1312

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1313  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1314  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1315  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1316  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1317  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1318  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1319  
the judge's various duties. 1320

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1321  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1322  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1323  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1324  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1325  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1326  
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1327  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1328  
request the services. 1329

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1330  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1331  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1332  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1333  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1334  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1335  
division. 1336

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1337  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1338  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1339  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1340  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1341  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1342

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1343  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1344  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1345  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1346  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1347  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1348  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1349  
domestic relations division. 1350

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1351  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1352  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1353  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1354  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1355  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1356  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1357  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1358  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1359  
division, who request the services. 1360

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1361  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1362  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1363  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1364  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1365  
be 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 coming before the court, except in cases that 1369  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1370  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1371  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1372  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1373

domestic relations division. 1374

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1375  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1376  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1377  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1378  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1379  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1380  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1381  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1382  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1383  
division, who request the services. 1384

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1385  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1386  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1387  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1388  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1389  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1390  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1391  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1392  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1393  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1394  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1395  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1396  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1397  
domestic relations division. 1398

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1399  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1400  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1401  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1402  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1403

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1404  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1405  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1406  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1407  
division, who request the services. 1408

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1409  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1410  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1411  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1412  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1413  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1414  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1415  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1416  
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1417  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1418  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1419  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1420  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1421  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1422  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1423  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1424  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1425  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1426  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1427  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1428

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1429  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1430  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1431  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1432  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1433  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1434



the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1435  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1436  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1437  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1438  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1439  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1440  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1441  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1442  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1443  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1444

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1445  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1446  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1447  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1448  
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1449  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1450  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1451  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1452  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1453  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1454  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1455  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1456  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1457  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1458  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1459  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1460  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1461  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1462  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1463

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1464  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1465

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1466  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1467  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1468  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1469  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1470  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1471  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1472  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1473  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1474  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1475  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1476  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1477  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1478

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1479  
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1480  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1481  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1482  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1483  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1484  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1485  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1486  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1487  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1488  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1489  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1490  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1491  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1492  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1493  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1494  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1495  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1496

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1497

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1498  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1499  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1500  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1501  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1502  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1503  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1504  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1505  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1506  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1507  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1508  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1509  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1510  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1511  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1512

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1513  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1514  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1515  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1516  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1517  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1518  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1519  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1520  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1521  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1522  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1523  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1524  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1525  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1526  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1527

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1528  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1529  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1530  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1531  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1532  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1533  
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1534  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1535  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1536  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1537  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1538  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1539  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1540  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1541  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1542  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1543  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1544  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1545  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1546

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1547  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1548  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1549  
personnel of the division. 1550

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1551  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1552  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1553  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1554  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1555  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1556  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1557  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1558

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1559  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1560  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1561  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1562  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1563  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1564  
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1565  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1566  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1567  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1568  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1569  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1570  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1571  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1572  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1573  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1574  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1575  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1576  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1577  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1578  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1579  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1580  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1581  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1582

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1583  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1584  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1585  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1586  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1587  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1588  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1589

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1590  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1591  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1592  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1593  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1594  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1595  
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1596  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1597  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1598  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1599  
and the judges of the general division. 1600

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1601  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1602  
children services board and the county advisory board. 1603

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1604  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1605  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1606  
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1607  
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1608  
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1609  
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1610  
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1611  
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1612  
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1613  
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1614  
domestic relations of that court. 1615

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1616  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1617  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1618  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1619

of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1620  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1621  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1622  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1623  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1624  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1625  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1626  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1627  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1628  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1629  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1630  
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1631  
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1632  
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1633  
the personnel of the division. 1634

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1635  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1636  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1637  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1638  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1639  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1640  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1641  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1642  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1643  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1644  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1645  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1646  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1647  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1648  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1649

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1650

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1651  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1652  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1653  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1654  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1655  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1656  
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1657  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1658  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1659  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1660  
duties. 1661

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1662  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1663  
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1664  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1665  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1666  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1667  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1668  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1669  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1670  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1671  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1672  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1673  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1674  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1675  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1676  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1677  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1678  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1679  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1680  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1681



of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1682  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1683  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1684  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1685  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1686  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1687  
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1688  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1689  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1690  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1691  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1692  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1693  
(Z)(1) of this section. 1694

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1695  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1696  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1697  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1698  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1699  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1700  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1701  
pleas of Marion county. 1702

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1703  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1704  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1705  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1706  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1707  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1708  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1709  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1710  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1711  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1712

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1713  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1714  
common pleas of Marion county. 1715

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1716  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1717  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1718  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1719  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1720  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1721  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1722  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1723  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1724  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1725  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1726  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1727  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1728  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1729  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1730  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1731  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1732  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1733  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1734

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1735  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1736  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1737  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1738  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1739  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1740  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1741  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1742  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1743

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1744  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1745  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1746  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1747  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1748  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1749

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1750  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1751  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1752  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1753  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1754  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1755  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1756  
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1757  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1758  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1759  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1760  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1761  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1762  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1763  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1764  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1765  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1766  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1767  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1768  
the court of common pleas. 1769

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1770  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1771  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1772  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1773  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1774

and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1775  
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1776  
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1777  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1778  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1779  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1780  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1781  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1782  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1783  
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1784  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1785  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1786  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1787  
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1788  
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1789  
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1790  
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1791  
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1792  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1793  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1794  
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1795  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1796  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1797  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1798  
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1799  
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1800  
section. 1801

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1802  
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1803  
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1804  
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1805

of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1806  
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1807  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1808

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1809  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1810  
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1811  
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1812  
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1813  
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1814  
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1815  
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1816  
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1817  
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1818  
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1819  
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1820

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1821  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1822  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1823  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1824  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1825  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1826  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1827  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1828  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1829  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1830  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1831  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1832  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1833  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1834  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1835  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1836

for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1837  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1838  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1839  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1840  
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1841  
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1842  
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1843  
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1844  
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1845  
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1846  
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1847  
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1848  
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1849  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1850  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1851  
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1852  
section. 1853

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1854  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1855  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1856  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1857  
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1858  
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1859  
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1860  
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1861  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1862  
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1863  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1864  
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1865  
probate division. 1866

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1867

pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1868  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1869  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1870  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1871  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1872  
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1873  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1874  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1875  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1876  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1877  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1878  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1879  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1880  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1881  
of common pleas. 1882

(FF) In Hardin county: 1883

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1884  
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1885  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1886  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1887  
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1888  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1889  
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1890  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1891  
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1892  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1893  
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1894  
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1895  
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1896  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1897  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1898

and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1899  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1900  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1901  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1902  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1903  
the court of common pleas. 1904

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1905  
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 1906  
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 1907  
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 1908  
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 1909  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1910  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1911

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1912  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1913  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1914  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1915  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1916  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1917  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1918  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1919  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1920

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 1921  
2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 1922  
repealed. 1923