

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "sections" insert "1901.08, 1901.261, 1
1907.261, 2303.201," 2

In line 6 of the title, after "disability" insert ", to change the 3
status of the judge of the Lebanon Municipal Court from part-time to full- 4
time, and to clarify disbursement of funds related to computerization 5
fees" 6

In line 7, after "sections" insert "1901.08, 1901.261, 1907.261, 7
2303.201," 8

After line 10, insert: 9

"**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election 10
of, judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning 11
of their terms shall be as follows: 12

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 13
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 14
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 15
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 16



In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall	17
be elected in 1953.	18
In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall	19
be elected in 1951.	20
In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge	21
shall be elected in 1953.	22
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge	23
shall be elected in 1967.	24
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time	25
judge shall be elected in 1975.	26
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge	27
shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the	28
part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected	29
in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the	30
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017.	31
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge	32
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be	33
elected in 1971.	34
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall	35
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	36
1979.	37
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge	38
shall be elected in 1993.	39
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall	40
be elected in 1951.	41
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	42
elected in 2005.	43

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge	44
shall be elected in 1983.	45
 In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge	46
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-	47
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior	48
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall	49
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court	50
until December 31, 2005.	51
 In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	52
elected in 1965.	53
 In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge	54
shall be elected in 1951.	55
 In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall	56
be elected in 1963.	57
 In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	58
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in	59
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	60
 In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge	61
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge	62
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county	63
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the	64
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until	65
December 31, 2009.	66
 In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	67
be elected in 1957.	68
 In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time	69
judge shall be elected in 2001.	70
 In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	71

be elected in 1963.	72
In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge	73
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	74
elected in 1977.	75
In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge	76
shall be elected in 1953.	77
In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge	78
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be	79
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield	80
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as	81
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1,	82
1988, until the end of their respective terms.	83
In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time	84
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall	85
be elected in 1999.	86
In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges	87
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be	88
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in	89
1955.	90
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	91
judge shall be elected in 1957.	92
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	93
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	94
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	95
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until	96
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	97
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time	98
judges shall be elected in 2001.	99

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall	100
be elected in 1953.	101
 In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge	102
shall be elected in 1951.	103
 In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time	104
judge shall be elected in 1977.	105
 In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	106
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	107
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls	108
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the	109
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this	110
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004,	111
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time	112
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and	113
December 31, 2013, respectively.	114
 In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge	115
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-	116
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior	117
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as	118
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until	119
December 31, 2005.	120
 In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges	121
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive	122
days beginning on the first day of January next after their	123
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955,	124
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the	125
second day of January next after their election.	126
 In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall	127
be elected in 1957.	128

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall	129
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	130
2007.	131
In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge	132
shall be elected in 1957.	133
In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	134
elected in 1973.	135
In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall	136
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	137
1973.	138
In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge	139
shall be elected in 2007.	140
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall	141
be elected in 1951.	142
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall	143
be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	144
2023.	145
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time	146
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be	147
elected in 2005.	148
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge	149
shall be elected in 1989.	150
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall	151
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	152
1993.	153
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall	154
be elected in 1951.	155

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time	156
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be	157
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in	158
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-	159
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge	160
shall be elected in 1997.	161
 In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall	162
be elected in 1975.	163
 In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on	164
January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023.	165
 In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge	166
shall be elected in 1981.	167
 In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time	168
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	169
elected in 1981.	170
 In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall	171
be elected in 1963.	172
 In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	173
be elected in 1953.	174
 In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time	175
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be	176
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981,	177
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of	178
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on	179
the first day of January next after their election, except that	180
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall	181
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the	182
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall	183

commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984.	184
In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge	185
shall be elected in 1989.	186
In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge	187
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the	188
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected	189
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the	190
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	191
In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge	192
shall be elected in 1977.	193
In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge	194
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part-	195
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior	196
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall	197
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal	198
court until December 31, 2007.	199
In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	200
elected in 1967.	201
In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	202
be elected in 1951.	203
In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge	204
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part-	205
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected	206
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the	207
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001.	208
In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge	209
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be	210
elected in 1975.	211

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 212
be elected in 1955. 213

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 214
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 215
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 216
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 217
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 218
court until the end of those judges' terms. 219

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 220
judge shall be elected in 1981. 221

In the Lebanon municipal court, one ~~part-time~~ full-time 222
judge shall be elected in ~~1955~~ 2027. On and after the effective 223
date of this amendment, the part-time judge of the Lebanon 224
municipal court who was elected in 2021 shall serve as a full- 225
time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on 226
December 31, 2027. 227

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 228
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 229
elected in 1971. 230

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 231
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 232
1967. 233

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 234
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 235
1973. 236

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 237
shall be elected in 1957. 238

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 239

shall be elected in 1981.	240
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge	241
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	242
elected in 1969.	243
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall	244
be elected in 1957.	245
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	246
be elected in 1951.	247
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	248
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	249
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	250
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	251
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	252
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	253
elected in 1965.	254
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge	255
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	256
elected in 1971.	257
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall	258
be elected in 1963.	259
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	260
be elected in 1957.	261
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	262
be elected in 1971.	263
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	264
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	265
elected in 1979.	266

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge 267
shall be elected in 1951. 268

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 269
shall be elected in 1953. 270

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 271

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 272
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 273
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 274
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 275
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 276
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 277
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 278
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 279
county county court that existed before that date whose term 280
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 281
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 282
2011. 283

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 284
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 285
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 286
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 287
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 288
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 289
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 290

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 291
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 292
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 293
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 294
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 295

Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 296

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 297
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 298
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 299
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 300
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 301
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 302
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 303
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 304
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 305
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 306
December 31, 2013. 307

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 308
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 309
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 310
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 311
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 312
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 313

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 314
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 315
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 316
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 317
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 318

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 319
shall be elected in 1951. 320

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 321
be elected in 2005. 322

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 323
judge shall be elected in 1975. 324

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	325 326
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	327 328
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	329 330
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	331 332
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	333 334
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	335 336
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	337 338 339 340 341
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	342 343
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	344 345 346
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2019.	347 348 349
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	350 351

In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge	352
shall be elected in 1977.	353
 In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time	354
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall	355
be elected in 1971.	356
 In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge	357
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port	358
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as	359
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,	360
1994, until the end of that judge's term.	361
 In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge	362
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	363
elected in 1985.	364
 In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge	365
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part-	366
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior	367
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall	368
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal	369
court until December 31, 2011.	370
 In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge	371
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be	372
elected in 1971.	373
 In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall	374
be elected in 1953.	375
 In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge	376
shall be elected in 1957.	377
 In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall	378
be elected in 1957.	379

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 380
be elected in 1995. 381

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 382
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 383
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 384
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 385
January 1, 2000. 386

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 387
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 388
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 389
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 390
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 391
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 392

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 393
shall be elected in 1953. 394

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 395
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 396
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 397
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 398
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 399
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 400
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 401
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 402
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 403
court until December 31, 2009. 404

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 405
shall be elected in 1963. 406

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 407
be elected in 1963. 408

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time	409
judge shall be elected in 2013.	410
 In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall	411
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in	412
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	413
 In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge	414
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005,	415
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full-	416
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of	417
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that	418
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012.	419
 In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall	420
be elected in 1959.	421
 In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall	422
be elected in 1957.	423
 In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge	424
shall be elected in 1965.	425
 In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge	426
shall be elected in 1981.	427
 In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall	428
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	429
1971.	430
 In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-	431
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected	432
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve	433
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is	434
abolished on January 1, 2000.	435
 In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge	436

shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 437
elected in 1979. 438

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 439
shall be elected in 1951. 440

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 441
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 442
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 443
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 444
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 445

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 446
elected in 1977. 447

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 448
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 449
elected in 2013. 450

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 451
shall be elected in 1953. 452

Sec. 1901.261. (A) (1) A municipal court may determine 453
that for the efficient operation of the court additional funds 454
are required to computerize the court, to make available 455
computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making 456
a determination that additional funds are required for either or 457
both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule 458
of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of the Revised Code one 459
additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each 460
cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in 461
division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code 462
and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee. 463

(2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on 464

or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in 465
which they are collected to the county treasurer if the court is 466
a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if 467
the court is not a county-operated municipal court. The 468
treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund 469
to be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 470
appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 471
is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 472
authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 473
county-operated municipal court, or upon an order of the court, 474
subject to the court making an annual report available to the 475
public listing the use of all such funds, in an amount not 476
greater than the actual cost to the court of computerizing the 477
court, procuring and maintaining computerized legal research 478
services, or both. 479

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 480
described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 481
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 482
described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the 483
court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 484
appropriation by the board of county commissioners if the court 485
is a county-operated municipal court or by the legislative 486
authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 487
county-operated municipal court, expend those surplus funds, or 488
upon an order of the court, subject to the court making an 489
annual report available to the public listing the use of all 490
such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other appropriate 491
technological expenses of the court. 492

(B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) (b) of this 493
section, the clerk of a municipal court may determine that, for 494
the efficient operation of the office of the clerk of the 495

municipal court, additional funds are required to computerize 496
the office of the clerk of the court and, upon that 497
determination, may authorize and direct that a computerization 498
fee not to exceed twenty dollars be charged on the filing of 499
each cause of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and 500
endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing 501
and indexing of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, 502
revive, or modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described 503
in division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the 504
Revised Code. 505

(b) In a ~~county court~~ in which the clerk of the municipal 506
court is appointed, the municipal court may make the 507
determination described in division (B)(1)(a) of this section 508
and, upon that determination, may include such a computerization 509
fee in its schedule of fees and costs under section 1901.26 of 510
the Revised Code. 511

(2) Subject to division (B)(3) of this section, all moneys 512
collected under division (B)(1)(a) of this section shall be paid 513
on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month 514
in which they are collected to the county treasurer if the court 515
is a county-operated municipal court or to the city treasurer if 516
the court is not a county-operated municipal court. The 517
treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund 518
to be disbursed, and subject to an appropriation made by the 519
board of county commissioners if the court is a county-operated 520
municipal court or by the legislative authority of the municipal 521
corporation if the court is not a county-operated municipal 522
court, in an amount no greater than the actual cost to the court 523
of procuring and maintaining computer systems for the office of 524
the clerk of the municipal court. In a court in which the clerk 525
of the municipal court is elected, the clerk may disburse the 526

funds subject to an appropriation by the commissioners. In a 527
court in which the clerk of the municipal court is appointed, 528
the court may issue an order to disburse the funds subject to an 529
appropriation by the commissioners. 530

(3) If a municipal court or the clerk of a municipal court 531
makes the determination described in division (B)(1)(a) of this 532
section, the board of county commissioners of the county if the 533
court is a county-operated municipal court or the legislative 534
authority of the municipal corporation if the court is not a 535
county-operated municipal court, may issue one or more general 536
obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and maintaining 537
the computer systems for the office of the clerk of the 538
municipal court. In addition to the purposes stated in division 539
(B)(1)(a) of this section for which the moneys collected under 540
that division may be expended, the moneys additionally may be 541
expended to pay debt charges and financing costs related to any 542
general obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B)(3) of 543
this section as they become due. General obligation bonds issued 544
pursuant to division (B)(3) of this section are Chapter 133. 545
securities. 546

Sec. 1907.261. (A)(1) A county court may determine that 547
for the efficient operation of the court additional funds are 548
required to computerize the court, to make available 549
computerized legal research services, or to do both. Upon making 550
a determination that additional funds are required for either or 551
both of those purposes, the court shall include in its schedule 552
of fees and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code one 553
additional fee not to exceed three dollars on the filing of each 554
cause of action or appeal equivalent to one described in 555
division (A), (Q), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code 556
and shall direct the clerk of the court to charge the fee. 557

(2) All fees collected under this section shall be paid on 558
or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in 559
which they are collected to the county treasurer. The treasurer 560
shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be 561
disbursed either upon an order of the court, subject to an 562
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an 563
order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report 564
available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an 565
amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of 566
computerizing the court, procuring and maintaining computerized 567
legal research services, or both. 568

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 569
described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 570
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 571
described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the 572
court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 573
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, expend those 574
surplus funds, or upon an order of the court, subject to the 575
court making an annual report available to the public listing 576
the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other 577
appropriate technological expenses of the court. 578

~~(B) (1)~~ A (B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) 579
(b) of this section, the clerk of a county court may determine 580
that, for the efficient operation of the office of the clerk of 581
the court, additional funds are required to computerize the 582
office of the clerk of the court and, upon that determination, 583
may authorize and direct that a computerization fee not to 584
exceed twenty dollars be charged on the filing of each cause of 585
action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of 586
each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing 587
of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or 588

modify a judgment that is equivalent to one described in 589
division (A), (P), (Q), (T), or (U) of section 2303.20 of the 590
Revised Code. 591

(b) In a court in which the clerk of the county court is 592
appointed, the court may make the determination described in 593
division (B) (1) (a) of this section and, upon that determination, 594
may include such a computerization fee in its schedule of fees 595
and costs under section 1907.24 of the Revised Code. 596

(2) Subject to division ~~(B) (2)~~ (B) (3) of this section, all 597
moneys collected under division ~~(B) (1)~~ (B) (1) (a) of this section 598
shall be paid on or before the twentieth day of the month 599
following the month in which they are collected to the county 600
treasurer. The treasurer shall place the funds from the fees in 601
a separate fund to be disbursed, and subject to an appropriation 602
made by the board of county commissioners, in an amount no 603
greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring and 604
maintaining computer systems for the office of the clerk of the 605
county court. 606

~~(2)~~ In a court in which the clerk of the county court is 607
elected, the clerk may disburse the funds subject to an 608
appropriation by the commissioners. In a court in which the 609
clerk of the county court is appointed, the court may issue an 610
order to disburse the funds subject to an appropriation by the 611
commissioners. 612

(3) If a ~~clerk of a~~ county court or the clerk of a county 613
court makes the determination described in division ~~(B) (1)~~ (B) (1) 614
(a) of this section, the board of county commissioners of that 615
county may issue one or more general obligation bonds for the 616
purpose of procuring and maintaining the computer systems for 617
the office of the clerk of the county court. In addition to the 618

purposes stated in division ~~(B) (1)~~ (B) (1) (a) of this section for 619
which the moneys collected under that division may be expended, 620
the moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges and 621
financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 622
pursuant to division ~~(B) (2)~~ (B) (3) of this section as they become 623
due. General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division ~~(B) (2)~~ 624
(B) (3) of this section are Chapter 133. securities. 625

Sec. 2303.201. (A) (1) The court of common pleas of any 626
county may determine that for the efficient operation of the 627
court additional funds are required to computerize the court, to 628
make available computerized legal research services, or to do 629
both. Upon making a determination that additional funds are 630
required for either or both of those purposes, the court shall 631
authorize and direct the clerk of the court of common pleas to 632
charge one additional fee, not to exceed six dollars, on the 633
filing of each cause of action or appeal under divisions (A), 634
(Q), and (U) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code. 635

(2) All fees collected under division (A) (1) of this 636
section shall be paid to the county treasurer. The treasurer 637
shall place the funds from the fees in a separate fund to be 638
disbursed either upon an order of the court, subject to an 639
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, or upon an 640
order of the court, subject to the court making an annual report 641
available to the public listing the use of all such funds, in an 642
amount not greater than the actual cost to the court of 643
procuring and maintaining computerization of the court, 644
computerized legal research services, or both. 645

(3) If the court determines that the funds in the fund 646
described in division (A) (2) of this section are more than 647
sufficient to satisfy the purpose for which the additional fee 648

described in division (A) (1) of this section was imposed, the 649
court may declare a surplus in the fund and, subject to an 650
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, expend those 651
surplus funds, or upon an order of the court, subject to the 652
court making an annual report available to the public listing 653
the use of all such funds, expend those surplus funds, for other 654
appropriate technological expenses of the court. 655

(B) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (1) (b) of this 656
section, the clerk of the court of common pleas of any county 657
may determine that, for the efficient operation of the office of 658
the clerk of the court of common pleas, additional funds are 659
required to make technological advances in or to computerize the 660
office of the clerk of the court of common pleas and, upon that 661
determination, authorize and direct that an additional fee, not 662
to exceed twenty dollars, on the filing of each cause of action 663
or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each 664
certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of 665
each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a 666
judgment under divisions (A), (P), (Q), (T), and (U) of section 667
2303.20 of the Revised Code and not to exceed one dollar each 668
for the services described in divisions (B), (C), (D), (F), (H), 669
and (L) of section 2303.20 of the Revised Code, be charged. 670

(b) In a county in which the clerk of the court of common 671
pleas is appointed, the ~~county executive court~~ may make the 672
determination described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section 673
and, upon that determination, may include such a computerization 674
fee in the schedule of fees and costs. 675

(2) Subject to division (B) (3) of this section, all moneys 676
collected under division (B) (1) (a) of this section shall be paid 677
to the county treasurer to be disbursed, subject to an 678

appropriation made by the board of county commissioners, in an 679
amount no greater than the actual cost to the court of procuring 680
and maintaining technology and computer systems for the office 681
of the clerk of the court of common pleas. 682

(3) If the ~~county executive court~~ or the clerk of the 683
court of common pleas of a county makes the determination 684
described in division (B) (1) (a) of this section, the board of 685
county commissioners of that county may issue one or more 686
general obligation bonds for the purpose of procuring and 687
maintaining the technology and computer systems for the office 688
of the clerk of the court of common pleas. In addition to the 689
purposes stated in division (B) (1) (a) of this section for which 690
the moneys collected under that division may be expended, the 691
moneys additionally may be expended to pay debt charges on and 692
financing costs related to any general obligation bonds issued 693
pursuant to division (B) (3) of this section as they become due. 694
General obligation bonds issued pursuant to division (B) (3) of 695
this section are Chapter 133. securities. 696

(C) The court of common pleas shall collect the sum of 697
twenty-six dollars as additional filing fees in each new civil 698
action or proceeding for the charitable public purpose of 699
providing financial assistance to legal aid societies that 700
operate within the state and to support the office of the state 701
public defender. This division does not apply to a juvenile 702
division of a court of common pleas, except that an additional 703
filing fee of fifteen dollars shall apply to custody, 704
visitation, and parentage actions; to a probate division of a 705
court of common pleas, except that the additional filing fees 706
shall apply to name change, guardianship, adoption, and 707
decedents' estate proceedings; or to an execution on a judgment, 708
proceeding in aid of execution, or other post-judgment 709

proceeding arising out of a civil action. The filing fees 710
required to be collected under this division shall be in 711
addition to any other filing fees imposed in the action or 712
proceeding and shall be collected at the time of the filing of 713
the action or proceeding. The court shall not waive the payment 714
of the additional filing fees in a new civil action or 715
proceeding unless the court waives the advanced payment of all 716
filing fees in the action or proceeding. All such moneys 717
collected during a month except for an amount equal to up to one 718
per cent of those moneys retained to cover administrative costs 719
shall be transmitted on or before the twentieth day of the 720
following month by the clerk of the court to the treasurer of 721
state in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by the 722
Ohio access to justice foundation. The treasurer of state shall 723
deposit four per cent of the funds collected under this division 724
to the credit of the civil case filing fee fund established 725
under section 120.07 of the Revised Code and ninety-six per cent 726
of the funds collected under this division to the credit of the 727
legal aid fund established under section 120.52 of the Revised 728
Code. 729

The court may retain up to one per cent of the moneys it 730
collects under this division to cover administrative costs, 731
including the hiring of any additional personnel necessary to 732
implement this division. If the court fails to transmit to the 733
treasurer of state the moneys the court collects under this 734
division in a manner prescribed by the treasurer of state or by 735
the Ohio access to justice foundation, the court shall forfeit 736
the moneys the court retains under this division to cover 737
administrative costs, including the hiring of any additional 738
personnel necessary to implement this division, and shall 739
transmit to the treasurer of state all moneys collected under 740

this division, including the forfeited amount retained for 741
administrative costs, for deposit in the legal aid fund. 742

(D) On and after the thirtieth day after December 9, 1994, 743
the court of common pleas shall collect the sum of thirty-two 744
dollars as additional filing fees in each new action or 745
proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 746
for the purpose of funding shelters for victims of domestic 747
violence pursuant to sections 3113.35 to 3113.39 of the Revised 748
Code. The filing fees required to be collected under this 749
division shall be in addition to any other filing fees imposed 750
in the action or proceeding and shall be collected at the time 751
of the filing of the action or proceeding. The court shall not 752
waive the payment of the additional filing fees in a new action 753
or proceeding for annulment, divorce, or dissolution of marriage 754
unless the court waives the advanced payment of all filing fees 755
in the action or proceeding. On or before the twentieth day of 756
each month, all moneys collected during the immediately 757
preceding month pursuant to this division shall be deposited by 758
the clerk of the court into the county treasury in the special 759
fund used for deposit of additional marriage license fees as 760
described in section 3113.34 of the Revised Code. Upon their 761
deposit into the fund, the moneys shall be retained in the fund 762
and expended only as described in section 3113.34 of the Revised 763
Code. 764

(E) (1) The court of common pleas may determine that, for 765
the efficient operation of the court, additional funds are 766
necessary to acquire and pay for special projects of the court, 767
including, but not limited to, the acquisition of additional 768
facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities, the 769
acquisition of equipment, the hiring and training of staff, 770
community service programs, mediation or dispute resolution 771

services, the employment of magistrates, the training and 772
education of judges, acting judges, and magistrates, and other 773
related services. Upon that determination, the court by rule may 774
charge a fee, in addition to all other court costs, on the 775
filing of each criminal cause, civil action or proceeding, or 776
judgment by confession. 777

If the court of common pleas offers or requires a special 778
program or additional services in cases of a specific type, the 779
court by rule may assess an additional charge in a case of that 780
type, over and above court costs, to cover the special program 781
or service. The court shall adjust the special assessment 782
periodically, but not retroactively, so that the amount assessed 783
in those cases does not exceed the actual cost of providing the 784
service or program. 785

All moneys collected under division (E) of this section 786
shall be paid to the county treasurer for deposit into either a 787
general special projects fund or a fund established for a 788
specific special project. Moneys from a fund of that nature 789
shall be disbursed upon an order of the court, subject to an 790
appropriation by the board of county commissioners, in an amount 791
no greater than the actual cost to the court of a project. If a 792
specific fund is terminated because of the discontinuance of a 793
program or service established under division (E) of this 794
section, the court may order, subject to an appropriation by the 795
board of county commissioners, that moneys remaining in the fund 796
be transferred to an account established under this division for 797
a similar purpose. 798

(2) As used in division (E) of this section: 799

(a) "Criminal cause" means a charge alleging the violation 800
of a statute or ordinance, or subsection of a statute or 801

ordinance, that requires a separate finding of fact or a
separate plea before disposition and of which the defendant may
be found guilty, whether filed as part of a multiple charge on a
single summons, citation, or complaint or as a separate charge
on a single summons, citation, or complaint. "Criminal cause"
does not include separate violations of the same statute or
ordinance, or subsection of the same statute or ordinance,
unless each charge is filed on a separate summons, citation, or
complaint.

(b) "Civil action or proceeding" means any civil
litigation that must be determined by judgment entry."

In line 380, after "sections" insert "1901.08, 1901.261, 1907.261,
2303.201,"

After line 386, insert:

"Section 4. On and after the effective date of this
section, the full-time judge of the Lebanon Municipal Court, who
prior to the effective date of this section was the part-time
judge of that court, shall perform the duties of a full-time
judge of a municipal court and is subject to any restriction
specified in law for a full-time judge of a municipal court."

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Lebanon Municipal Court

R.C. 1901.08 and Section 4

Converts the part-time judge of the Lebanon Municipal	825
Court to full-time judge beginning on the effective date of the	826
bill until December 31, 2027, when the current part-time judge's	827
term expires.	828
Computerization fee disbursement	829
R.C. 1901.261, 1907.261, and 2303.201	830
Specifies that an elected clerk of a county court may make	831
a determination that additional funds are required to	832
computerize the office of the clerk, and retains the court's	833
authority to do so when the clerk is appointed.	834
Clarifies that an elected clerk of a municipal or county	835
court may disburse computerization funds subject to an	836
appropriation by the commissioners, while in a court with an	837
appointed clerk of a municipal or county court, the court may	838
issue an order to disburse the funds subject to an appropriation	839
by the commissioners.	840
Specifies that in a court of common pleas where the clerk	841
is appointed, the court may authorize and disburse	842
computerization funds, instead of the county executive.	843