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A BILL

To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of 1
the Revised Code to add a judge to the Adams 2
County Court of Common Pleas, who shall be 3
elected in 2026, and designated as the judge of 4
the court's Probate and Juvenile Division on 5
February 9, 2029. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of 7
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record 9
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 10
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 11
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 12

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 13
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 14
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 15

request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 16
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(GG)~~ 17
(HH) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 18
of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 19
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 20
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 21
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 22
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 23
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 24
act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 25
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 26
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 27
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 28

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 29
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 30
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 31
shall be as follows: 32

(A) In ~~Adams,~~ Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 33
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 34

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 35
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 36
term to begin February 9, 1955; 37

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 38
to begin January 9, 1957; 39

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, ~~Hardin,~~ 40
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 41
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 42
begin January 1, 1957; 43

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 44

term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006,	45
term to begin January 1, 2007;	46
In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	47
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004,	48
term to begin January 2, 2005;	49
In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble,	50
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be	51
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	52
In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in	53
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	54
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009;	55
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected	56
in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	57
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	58
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term	59
to begin January 1, 2005;	60
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term	61
to begin May 9, 1957;	62
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	63
begin May 14, 1953;	64
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	65
begin July 6, 1956;	66
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	67
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	68
term to begin January 1, 1979;	69
In Hardin County, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	70
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2026,	71

term to begin February 9, 2027;	72
<u>In Adams county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,</u>	73
<u>term to begin February 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2026,</u>	74
<u>term to begin February 9, 2027.</u>	75
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in	76
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected	77
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be	78
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	79
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in	80
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960,	81
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978,	82
term to begin January 2, 1979;	83
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	84
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990,	85
term to begin July 1, 1991;	86
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	87
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,	88
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004,	89
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in	90
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	91
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in	92
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected	93
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be	94
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	95
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	96
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	97
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	98
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	99

term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	100
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	101
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	102
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	103
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	104
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	105
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	106
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	107
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	108
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	109
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	110
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	111
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	112
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	113
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	114
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	115
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	116
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	117
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	118
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	119
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	120
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	121
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	122
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	123
term to begin January 2, 2003;	124
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	125
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	126
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	127
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	128

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	129
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	130
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	131
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	132
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	133
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	134
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	135
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	136
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	137
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	138
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	139
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	140
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	141
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	142
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	143
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	144
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	145
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	146
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	147
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in	148
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected	149
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	150
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be	151
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9,	152
1955, respectively;	153
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952,	154
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956,	155
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986,	156
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in	157

1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	158
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in	159
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	160
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in	161
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in	162
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected	163
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	164
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in	165
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be	166
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	167
In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in	168
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected	169
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be	170
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;	171
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958,	172
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960,	173
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964,	174
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be	175
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5,	176
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to	177
begin January 6, 2001;	178
In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	179
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term	180
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to	181
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to	182
begin January 1, 2005;	183
In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952,	184
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953,	185
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January	186

3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 187
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 188
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 189
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 190
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 191
January 6, 2007; 192

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 193
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 194
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 195
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 196
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 197
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 198
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 199
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 200
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 201
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 202

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 203
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 204
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 205
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 206
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 207

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 208
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 209
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 210

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 211
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 212
term to begin January 2, 1969; 213

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 214
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 215

term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 216
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 217
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 218
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 219
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 220

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 221
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 222
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 223
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 224
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 225
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 226
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 227
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 228
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 229
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 230
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 231
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 232
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 233
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 234
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 235
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 236
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 237
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 238
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 239

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 240
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 241
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 242
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 243
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 244
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 245
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 246

days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 247
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 248
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 249
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 250
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 251
2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 252
one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 253
one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 3, 2021; 254

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 255
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 256
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 257
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 258
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 259
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 260
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 261
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 262
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 263
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 264
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 265
1997, respectively; 266

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 267
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 268
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 269
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 270
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 271
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 272
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 273
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 274
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 275
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 276
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 277

begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to	278
begin January 2, 1993;	279
In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in	280
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and	281
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term	282
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to	283
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin	284
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin	285
July 1, 1991;	286
In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected	287
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and	288
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms	289
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and	290
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to	291
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin	292
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on	293
successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977;	294
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July	295
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to	296
begin January 1, 1993;	297
In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958,	298
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954,	299
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	300
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January	301
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in	302
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in	303
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993,	304
respectively;	305
In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in	306
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January	307

3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 308
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 309
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 310
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 311
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 312
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 313
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 314
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 315

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 316
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 317
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 318
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 319
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 320
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 321
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 322
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 323
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 324
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 325
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 326
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 327
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 328
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 329
be reduced. 330

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 331
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 332
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 333
Code, except in ~~Adams~~, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 334
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 335
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 336
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 337
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 338

court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 339
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 340
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 341
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 342
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 343
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 344
probate division. 345

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 346
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 347
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 348
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 349
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 350
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 351
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 352
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 353
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 354
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 355
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 356
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 357
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 358
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 359
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 360
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 361
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 362
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 363
subdivisions and departments. 364

(B) In Hamilton county: 365

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 366
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 367
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 368

and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 369
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 370
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 371

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 372
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 373
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 374
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 375
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 376
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 377
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 378
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 379
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 380
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 381
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 382
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 383
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 384
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 385
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 386
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 387
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 388
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 389
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 390
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 391
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 392
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 393
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 394
year. 395

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 396
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 397
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 398
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 399

employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 400
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 401
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 402
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 403
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 404

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 405
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 406
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 407
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 408
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 409
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 410
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 411
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 412
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 413
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 414
are parties to an action pending in the division. 415

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 416
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 417
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 418
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 419
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 420
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 421
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 422
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 423
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 424
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 425
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 426
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 427
division of domestic relations. 428

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 429

salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 430
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 431
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 432
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 433
relations. 434

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 435
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 436
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 437
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 438
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 439
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 440
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 441
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 442
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 443
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 444

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 445
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 446
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 447
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. 448

Eligibility for admission of a case into the drug court 449
shall be set forth in a local rule adopted by the court of 450
common pleas of Hamilton county. The local rule specifying 451
eligibility shall not permit referral to the drug court of a 452
case that involves a felony of the first or second degree, a 453
violation of any prohibition contained in Chapter 2907. of the 454
Revised Code that is a felony of the third degree, or a 455
violation of section 2903.01 or 2903.02 of the Revised Code. 456

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 457
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 458
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 459

sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 460
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 461
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 462
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 463
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 464
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 465
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 466
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 467

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 468

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 469
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 470
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 471
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 472
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 473
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 474
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 475
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 476
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 477
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 478
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 479
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 480
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 481
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 482
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 483
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 484
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 485
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 486
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 487
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 488
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 489
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 490

jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 491
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 492
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 493
other judge of the court of common pleas. 494

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 495
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 496
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 497
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 498
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 499
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 500
Code. 501

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 502
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 503
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 504
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 505
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 506
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 507
probate judge. 508

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 509
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 510
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 511
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 512
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 513
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 514
relations. 515

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 516
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 517
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 518
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 519
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 520

judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 521
relations. 522

(D) In Lucas county: 523

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 524
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 525
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 526
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 527
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 528
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 529
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 530
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 531
assigned to them. 532

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 533
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 534
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 535
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 536
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 537
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 538

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 539
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 540
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 541
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 542
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 543
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 544
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 545
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 546
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 547
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 548
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 549
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 550

departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 551
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 552
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 553
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 554
in the discharge of their various duties. 555

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 556
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 557
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 558
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 559
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 560
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 561
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 562
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 563
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 564
parties to an action pending in the division. 565

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 566
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 567
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 568
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 569
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 570
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 571

(E) In Mahoning county: 572

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 573
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 574
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 575
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 576
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 577
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 578
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 579
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 580

the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 581
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 582
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 583
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 584
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 585
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 586
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 587
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 588
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 589

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 590
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 591
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 592
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 593
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 594
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 595
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 596
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 597
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 598
action pending in the division. 599

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 600
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 601
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 602
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 603
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 604
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 605
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 606
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 607
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 608
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 609
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 610
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 611

the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 612
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 613
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 614
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 615

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 616
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 617
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 618
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 619
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 620
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 621
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 622
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 623
action pending in the division. 624

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 625
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 626
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 627
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 628
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 629
of common pleas. 630

(F) In Montgomery county: 631

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 632
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 633
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 634
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 635
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 636
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 637
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 638
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 639
and annulment cases. 640

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, 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.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected and designated as judges 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.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the

title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 672
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 673
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 674
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 675
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 676
conciliation services that are available upon request to 677
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 678
the division. 679

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 680
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 681
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 682
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 683
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 684
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 685
of those divisions. 686

(G) In Richland county: 687

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 688
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 689
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 690
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 691
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 692
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 693
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 694
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 695
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 696
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 697
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 698
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 699
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 700
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 701

control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 702
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 703
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 704
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 705
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 706
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 707
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 708
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 709
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 710
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 711
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 712
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 713
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 714
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 715
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 716
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 717
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 718
of those matters. 719

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 720
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 721
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 722
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 723
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 724
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 725
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 726
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 727
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 728
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 729
shall fix their duties. 730

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 731
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 732

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 733
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 734
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 735
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 736
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 737
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 738
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 739
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 740
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 741
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 742
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 743
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 744
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 745
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 746
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 747
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 748
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 749
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 750

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 751
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 752
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 753
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 754
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 755
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 756
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 757
discharge of the judge's various duties. 758

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 759
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 760
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 761
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 762
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 763

investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 764
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 765
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 766
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 767

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 768
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 769
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 770
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 771
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 772
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 773
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 774
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 775
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 776
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 777
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 778
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 779
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 780
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 781

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 782
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 783
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 784
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 785
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 786
referees required for the judge's respective court. 787

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 788
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 789
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 790
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 791
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 792
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 793

limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 794
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 795
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 796
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 797
juvenile judge to serve. 798

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 799
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 800
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 801
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 802
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 803
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 804
"the judge of the family court division." 805

(I) In Summit county: 806

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 807
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 808
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 809
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 810
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 811
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 812
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 813
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 814
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 815
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 816
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 817
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 818
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 819
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 820
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 821
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 822
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 823

relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 824
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 825
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 826

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 827
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 828
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 829
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 830
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 831
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 832
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 833
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 834
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 835
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 836
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 837
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 838
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 839
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 840
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 841
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 842
action pending in the division. 843

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 844
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 845
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 846
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 847
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 848
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 849
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 850
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 851
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 852
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 853
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 854

shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 855
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 856
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 857
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 858
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 859
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 860
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 861
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 862

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 863
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 864
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 865
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 866
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 867
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 868
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 869
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 870
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 871
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 872
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 873
conciliation services that are available upon request to 874
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 875
the division. 876

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 877
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 878
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 879
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 880
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 881
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 882
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 883
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 884
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 885

proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 886
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 887
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 888
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 889
court of common pleas. 890

(K) In Butler county: 891

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 892
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 893
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 894
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 895
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 896
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 897
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 898
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 899
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 900
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 901
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 902
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 903
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 904
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 905
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 906
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 907
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 908
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 909
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 910
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 911
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 912
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 913
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 914
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 915
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 916

and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 917
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 918
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 919
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 920
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 921
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 922
division. 923

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 924
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 925
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 926
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 927
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 928
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 929
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 930
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 931
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 932
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 933

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 934
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 935
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 936
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 937
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 938
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 939
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 940
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 941
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 942
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 943
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 944
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 945
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 946
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 947

determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 948
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 949
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 950
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 951
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 952
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 953
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 954
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 955
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 956
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 957
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 958
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 959
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 960
various duties. 961

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 962
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 963
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 964
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 965
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 966
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 967
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 968
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 969
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 970

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 971
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 972
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 973
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 974
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 975
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 976

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 977

common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 978
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 979
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 980
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 981
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 982
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 983
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 984
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 985
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 986
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 987
some special reason. 988

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 989
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 990
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 991

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 992
supervision; 993

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 994
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 995

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 996
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 997
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 998
legal separation and annulment matters. 999

(M) In Lake county: 1000

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1001
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1002
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1003
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1004
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1005
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1006

domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1007
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1008
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1009
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1010
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1011
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1012
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1013
division. 1014

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1015
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1016
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1017
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1018
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1019
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1020
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1021
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1022
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1023
division, who request the services. 1024

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1025
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1026
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1027
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1028
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1029
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1030
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1031
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1032
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1033
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1034
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1035
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1036
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1037

servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1038
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1039
the judge's various duties. 1040

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1041
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1042
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1043
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1044
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1045
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1046
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1047
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1048
request the services. 1049

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1050
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1051
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1052
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1053
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1054
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1055

(N) In Erie county: 1056

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1057
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1058
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1059
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1060
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1061
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1062
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1063
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1064
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1065
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1066
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1067

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1068
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1069
other judge. 1070

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1071
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1072
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1073
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1074
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1075
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1076
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1077

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1078
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1079
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1080
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1081
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1082
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1083
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1084
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1085
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1086
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1087
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1088
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1089

(0) In Greene county: 1090

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1091
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1092
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1093
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1094
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1095
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1096
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1097

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1098
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1099
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1100
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1101
court of common pleas. 1102

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1103
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1104
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1105
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1106
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1107
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1108
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1109
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1110
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1111
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1112
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1113
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1114
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1115
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1116
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1117
general division of the court of common pleas. 1118

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1119
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1120
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1121
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1122
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1123
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1124
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1125
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1126
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1127
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1128

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1129
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1130
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1131
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1132
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1133
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1134
the judge's various duties. 1135

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1136
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1137
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1138
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1139
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1140
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1141
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1142
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1143
request the services. 1144

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1145
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1146
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1147
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1148
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1149
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1150
division. 1151

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1152
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1153
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1154
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1155
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1156
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1157
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1158

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1159
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1160
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1161
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1162
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1163
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1164
all proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family 1165
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, all 1166
proceedings arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the 1167
Revised Code, all proceedings arising under the uniform child 1168
custody jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 1169
3127. of the Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings and 1170
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1171
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 1172
judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged 1173
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1174
with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of 1175
the domestic relations division. 1176

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1177
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1178
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1179
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1180
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1181
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1182
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1183
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the 1184
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1185
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1186
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1187
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1188
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, proceedings 1189

arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, 1190
and proceedings arising under the uniform child custody 1191
jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of 1192
the Revised Code, and providing any counseling and conciliation 1193
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1194
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1195
division, who request the services. 1196

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1197
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1198
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1199
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1200
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1201
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1202
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1203
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1204
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1205
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1206
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1207
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1208
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1209
domestic relations division. 1210

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1211
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1212
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1213
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1214
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1215
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1216
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1217
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1218
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1219
division, who request the services. 1220

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1221
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1222
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1223
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1224
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1225
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1226
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1227
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1228
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1229
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1230
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1231
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1232
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1233
domestic relations division. 1234

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1235
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1236
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1237
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1238
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1239
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1240
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1241
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1242
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1243
division, who request the services. 1244

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1245
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1246
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1247
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1248
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1249
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1250
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1251

judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1252
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1253
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1254
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1255
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1256
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1257
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1258
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1259
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1260
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1261
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1262
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1263
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1264

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1265
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1266
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1267
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1268
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1269
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1270
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1271
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1272
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1273
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1274
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1275
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1276
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1277
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1278
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1279
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1280

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1281
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1282

have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1283
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1284
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1285
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1286
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1287
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1288
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1289
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1290
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1291
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1292
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1293
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1294
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1295
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1296
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1297
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1298
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1299

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1300
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1301
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1302
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1303
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1304
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1305
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1306
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1307
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1308
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1309
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1310
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1311
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1312
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1313

an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1314

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1315
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1316
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1317
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1318
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1319
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1320
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1321
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1322
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1323
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1324
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1325
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1326
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1327
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1328
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1329
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1330
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1331
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1332
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1333

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1334
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1335
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1336
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1337
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1338
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1339
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1340
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1341
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1342
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1343
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1344

parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1345
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1346
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1347
pending in the division, who request the services. 1348

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1349
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1350
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1351
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1352
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1353
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1354
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1355
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1356
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1357
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1358
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1359
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1360
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1361
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1362
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1363
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1364
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1365
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1366
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1367
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1368
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1369
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1370
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1371
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1372
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1373
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1374
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1375

action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1376
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1377
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1378
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1379
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1380
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1381
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1382

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1383
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1384
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1385
personnel of the division. 1386

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1387
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1388
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1389
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1390
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1391
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1392
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1393
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1394
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1395
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1396
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1397
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1398
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1399
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1400
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1401
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1402
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1403
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1404
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1405
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1406

obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, 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 Clark county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division and the judges of the general division.

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge

of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1438
children services board and the county advisory board. 1439

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1440
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1441
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1442
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1443
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1444
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1445
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1446
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1447
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1448
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1449
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1450
domestic relations of that court. 1451

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1452
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1453
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1454
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1455
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1456
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1457
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1458
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1459
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1460
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1461
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1462
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1463
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1464
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1465
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1466
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1467
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1468

work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1469
the personnel of the division. 1470

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1471
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1472
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1473
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1474
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1475
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1476
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1477
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1478
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1479
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1480
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1481
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1482
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1483
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1484
pending in the division, who request the services. 1485

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1486
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1487
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1488
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1489
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1490
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1491
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1492
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1493
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1494
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1495
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1496
duties. 1497

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1498

pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1499
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1500
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1501
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1502
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1503
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1504
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1505
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1506
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1507
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1508
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1509
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1510
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1511
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1512
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1513
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1514
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1515
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1516
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1517
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1518
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1519
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1520
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1521
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1522
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1523
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1524
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1525
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1526
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1527
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1528
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1529
(Z) (1) of this section. 1530

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1531
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1532
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1533
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1534
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1535
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1536
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1537
pleas of Marion county. 1538

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1539
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1540
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1541
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1542
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1543
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1544
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1545
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1546
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1547
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1548
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1549
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1550
common pleas of Marion county. 1551

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1552
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1553
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1554
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1555
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1556
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1557
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1558
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1559
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1560
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1561

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1562
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1563
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1564
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1565
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1566
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1567
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1568
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1569
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1570

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1571
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1572
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1573
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1574
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1575
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1576
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1577
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1578
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1579
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1580
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1581
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1582
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1583
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1584
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1585

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1586
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1587
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1588
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1589
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1590
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1591
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1592

of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1593
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1594
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1595
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1596
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1597
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1598
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1599
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1600
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1601
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1602
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1603
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1604
the court of common pleas. 1605

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1606
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1607
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1608
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1609
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1610
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1611
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1612
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1613
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1614
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1615
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1616
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1617
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1618
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1619
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1620
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1621
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1622
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1623

and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1624
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1625
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1626
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1627
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1628
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1629
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1630
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1631
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1632
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1633
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1634
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1635
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1636
section. 1637

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1638
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1639
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1640
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1641
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1642
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1643
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1644

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1645
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1646
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1647
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1648
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1649
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1650
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1651
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1652
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1653
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1654

(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1655
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1656

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1657
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1658
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1659
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1660
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1661
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1662
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1663
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1664
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1665
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1666
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1667
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1668
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1669
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1670
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1671
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1672
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1673
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1674
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1675
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1676
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1677
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1678
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1679
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1680
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1681
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1682
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1683
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1684
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1685

2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1686
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1687
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1688
section. 1689

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1690
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1691
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1692
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1693
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1694
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1695
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1696
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1697
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1698
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1699
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1700
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1701
probate division. 1702

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1703
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1704
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1705
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1706
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1707
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1708
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1709
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1710
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1711
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1712
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1713
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1714
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1715
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1716

some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1717
of common pleas. 1718

(FF) In Hardin county: 1719

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1720
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1721
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1722
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1723
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1724
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1725
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1726
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1727
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1728
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1729
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1730
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1731
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1732
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1733
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1734
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1735
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1736
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1737
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1738
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1739
the court of common pleas. 1740

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1741
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 1742
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 1743
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 1744
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 1745
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1746

provisions, of the Revised Code. 1747

(GG) In Adams county: 1748

(1) Subject to division (GG) (2) of this section, the judge 1749
of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1750
2027, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1751
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1752
compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of 1753
Adams county. 1754

(2) Beginning on February 9, 2029, the judge of the court 1755
of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and 1756
successors shall be designated as the judge of the court of 1757
common pleas, probate and juvenile division. The judge shall 1758
have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, all cases 1759
under Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1760
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1761
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all of the powers 1762
relating to probate courts, and all matters that are within the 1763
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1764
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1765

On and after February 9, 2029, all references in law to 1766
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1767
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1768
respect to Adams county, as being references to "the probate and 1769
juvenile division" and as being references to "the judge of the 1770
probate and juvenile division." 1771

(HH) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1772
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1773
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1774
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1775

the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1776
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1777
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1778
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1779
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1780

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 1781
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1782

Section 3. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is 1783
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1784
by both H.B. 33 and S.B. 21 of the 135th General Assembly and 1785
H.B. 518 of the 134th General Assembly. The General Assembly, 1786
applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of 1787
the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if 1788
reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the 1789
composite is the resulting version of the section in effect 1790
prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this 1791
act. 1792