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**A BILL**

To amend sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 956.11, 1 1  
956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 2 2  
1901.08, 1901.31, 1907.11, 2301.03, 3794.09, 3 3  
3901.321, 3913.13, 3913.23, 5101.35, and 5164.38 4 4  
and to enact sections 101.55, 107.13, 303.65, 5 5  
519.26, and 713.16 of the Revised Code to 6 6  
generally change the venue in which appeal from 7 7  
an agency order is proper to the local court of 8 8  
common pleas and provide special rules regarding 9 9  
consideration of such cases, to revise the law 10 10  
governing claim preclusion in zoning appeals, to 11 11  
revise the law governing the referral of cases 12 12  
to the Hamilton County Drug Court, to transfer 13 13  
Perry Township in Wood County and Washington 14 14  
Township in Hancock County from the territorial 15 15  
jurisdiction of the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal 16 16  
Court to the territorial jurisdiction of, 17 17  
respectively, the Bowling Green Municipal Court 18 18  
and the Findlay Municipal Court on January 2, 19 19  
2024, to allow the General Assembly to intervene 20 20  
in certain actions, to allow the General 21 21

Assembly and the Governor to retain special 22  
counsel, and to replace two part-time judgeships 23  
in the Sandusky County County Court with one 24  
full-time judge. 25

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

**Section 1.** That sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 956.11, 26  
956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 1901.08, 1901.31, 27  
1907.11, 2301.03, 3794.09, 3901.321, 3913.13, 3913.23, 5101.35, 28  
and 5164.38 be amended and sections 101.55, 107.13, 303.65, 29  
519.26, and 713.16 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 30  
follows: 31

**Sec. 101.55.** (A) (1) The speaker of the house of 32  
representatives, in the speaker's official capacity as the 33  
presiding officer of the house of representatives, may retain 34  
legal counsel other than from the attorney general for either of 35  
the following purposes: 36

(a) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the house in 37  
any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to the 38  
constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 39  
matter of statewide concern. The house may intervene in any such 40  
judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of right. 41  
Intervention under this division shall be in accordance with 42  
Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 24 of 43  
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 44

(b) To provide advice and counsel to the speaker on 45  
matters that affect the official business of the house. 46

(2) The speaker shall approve all terms of representation 47  
and authorize payment for all financial costs incurred under 48  
division (A)(1) of this section from the house of 49  
representatives' operating expenses appropriation line item or 50  
from a separate appropriation made for those costs. 51

(3) The house of representatives may rescind the retention 52  
of a particular legal counsel in a particular matter under 53  
division (A)(1) of this section by a resolution adopted by the 54  
affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the 55  
house. 56

(B)(1) The president of the senate, in the president's 57  
official capacity as the presiding officer of the senate, may 58  
retain legal counsel other than from the attorney general for 59  
either of the following purposes: 60

(a) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the senate 61  
in any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to the 62  
constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 63  
matter of statewide concern. The senate may intervene in any 64  
such judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of right. 65  
Intervention under this division shall be in accordance with 66  
Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 24 of 67  
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 68

(b) To provide advice and counsel to the president on 69  
matters that affect the official business of the senate. 70

(2) The president shall approve all terms of 71  
representation and authorize payment for all financial costs 72  
incurred under division (B)(1) of this section from the senate's 73  
operating expenses appropriation line item or from a separate 74  
appropriation made for those costs. 75

(3) The senate may rescind the retention of a particular 76  
legal counsel in a particular matter under division (B) (1) of 77  
this section by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of 78  
a majority of the members elected to the senate. 79

(C) (1) The speaker of the house of representatives and the 80  
president of the senate, acting jointly in their official 81  
capacities as the presiding officers of the houses of the 82  
general assembly, may retain legal counsel other than from the 83  
attorney general for either of the following purposes: 84

(a) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the general 85  
assembly in any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to 86  
the constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 87  
matter of statewide concern. The general assembly may intervene 88  
in any such judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of 89  
right. Intervention under this division shall be in accordance 90  
with Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 91  
24 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 92

(b) To provide advice and counsel to the speaker and the 93  
president, jointly, on matters that affect the official business 94  
of the general assembly. 95

(2) The speaker and the president shall jointly approve 96  
all terms of representation and authorize payment for all 97  
financial costs incurred under division (C) (1) of this section 98  
from the house of representatives' and the senate's operating 99  
expenses appropriation line items or from a separate 100  
appropriation made for those costs. 101

(3) The general assembly may rescind the retention of a 102  
particular legal counsel in a particular matter under division 103  
(C) (1) of this section by a concurrent resolution adopted by the 104

<u>affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to each</u>	105
<u>house of the general assembly.</u>	106
<u>(D) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, nothing</u>	107
<u>in this section shall be construed to do any of the following:</u>	108
<u>(1) Constitute a waiver of the legislative immunity or</u>	109
<u>legislative privilege of the speaker, the president, or any</u>	110
<u>member, officer, or staff of either house of the general</u>	111
<u>assembly;</u>	112
<u>(2) Permit any violation of section 9.58 of the Revised</u>	113
<u>Code;</u>	114
<u>(3) Permit the retention of counsel, or intervention, in</u>	115
<u>any criminal proceeding;</u>	116
<u>(4) Limit any authority of the speaker of the house of</u>	117
<u>representatives, the president of the senate, the general</u>	118
<u>assembly, or any member of the general assembly that is granted</u>	119
<u>under the constitution of this state or under any other</u>	120
<u>provision of law.</u>	121
<b>Sec. 107.13.</b> <u>(A) The governor, in the governor's official</u>	122
<u>capacity as the supreme executive of this state, may retain</u>	123
<u>legal counsel other than from the attorney general for either of</u>	124
<u>the following purposes:</u>	125
<u>(1) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the governor</u>	126
<u>in any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to the</u>	127
<u>constitution or laws of this state and that is an important</u>	128
<u>matter of statewide concern. The governor may intervene in any</u>	129
<u>such judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of right.</u>	130
<u>Intervention under this division shall be in accordance with</u>	131
<u>Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 24 of</u>	132
<u>the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable.</u>	133

(2) To provide advice and counsel to the governor on 134  
matters that affect the official business of the office of the 135  
governor. 136

(B) The governor shall approve all terms of representation 137  
and authorize payment for all financial costs incurred under 138  
division (A) of this section from the office of the governor's 139  
operating expenses appropriation line item or from a separate 140  
appropriation made for those costs. The requirements of sections 141  
125.05 and 127.16 of the Revised Code do not apply to a 142  
representation agreement entered into under division (A) of this 143  
section. 144

(C) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, nothing 145  
in this section shall be construed to do any of the following: 146

(1) Constitute a waiver of any executive privilege of the 147  
governor or any executive officer or staff; 148

(2) Permit any violation of section 9.58 of the Revised 149  
Code; 150

(3) Permit the retention of counsel, or intervention, in 151  
any criminal proceeding; 152

(4) Limit any authority of the governor that is granted 153  
under the constitution of this state or under any other 154  
provision of law. 155

**Sec. 109.02.** The attorney general is the chief law officer 156  
for the state and all its departments and shall be provided with 157  
adequate office space in Columbus. Except as provided in 158  
division (E) of section 120.06 and in sections 101.55, 107.13, 159  
and 3517.152 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code, no state officer 160  
or board, or head of a department or institution of the state 161  
shall employ, or be represented by, other counsel or attorneys 162

at law. The attorney general shall appear for the state in the 163  
trial and argument of all civil and criminal causes in the 164  
supreme court in which the state is directly or indirectly 165  
interested. When required by the governor or the general 166  
assembly, the attorney general shall appear for the state in any 167  
court or tribunal in a cause in which the state is a party, or 168  
in which the state is directly interested. Upon the written 169  
request of the governor, the attorney general shall prosecute 170  
any person indicted for a crime. 171

**Sec. 119.12.** ~~(A) (1) Except as provided in division (A) (2) 172  
or (3) of this section, any (A) Any party adversely affected by 173  
any order of an agency issued pursuant to an adjudication 174  
denying an applicant admission to an examination, or denying the 175  
issuance or renewal of a license or registration of a licensee, 176  
or revoking or suspending a license, or allowing the payment of 177  
a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of the Revised Code may 178  
appeal from the order of the agency to the court of common pleas 179  
of the county in which the place of business of the licensee is 180  
located or the county in which the licensee is a 181  
resident designated in division (B) of this section. 182~~

~~(2) (B) An appeal from an order described in division (A) 183  
(1) (A) of this section shall be filed in the county designated 184  
as follows: 185~~

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 186  
this section, an appeal from an order of an agency issued 187  
pursuant to an adjudication denying an applicant admission to an 188  
examination, denying the issuance or renewal of a license or 189  
registration of a licensee, revoking or suspending a license, or 190  
allowing the payment of a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of 191  
the Revised Code shall be filed in the county in which the place 192

of business of the licensee is located or the county in which 193  
the licensee is a resident. 194

(2) An appeal from an order issued by any of the following 195  
agencies shall be made to the court of common pleas of Franklin 196  
county or the court of common pleas in the county in which the 197  
place of business of the licensee is located or the county in 198  
which the licensee is a resident: 199

(a) The liquor control commission; 200

(b) The Ohio casino control commission~~7;~~ 201

(c) The state medical board; 202

~~(e)The~~ (d) The state chiropractic board; 203

~~(d)The~~ (e) The board of nursing; 204

~~(e)The~~ (f) The bureau of workers' compensation regarding 205  
participation in the health partnership program created in 206  
sections 4121.44 and 4121.441 of the Revised Code. 207

~~(3) If any party appealing from an order described in~~ 208  
~~division (A) (1) of this section is not a resident of and has no~~ 209  
~~place of business in this state, the party may appeal to the~~ 210  
~~court of common pleas of Franklin county.~~ 211

~~(B) Any party adversely affected by any order of an agency~~ 212  
~~issued pursuant to any other adjudication may appeal to the~~ 213  
~~court of common pleas of Franklin county, except that appeals~~ 214

Appeals from orders of the fire marshal issued under 215  
Chapter 3737. of the Revised Code ~~may~~ shall be to the court of 216  
common pleas of the county in which the building of the 217  
aggrieved person is located ~~and except that appeals.~~ 218

(4) Appeals under division (B) of section 124.34 of the 219



Revised Code from a decision of the state personnel board of 220  
review or a municipal or civil service township civil service 221  
commission shall be taken to the court of common pleas of the 222  
county in which the appointing authority is located or, in the 223  
case of an appeal by the department of rehabilitation and 224  
correction, to the court of common pleas of Franklin county. 225

(5) If any party appealing from an order described in 226  
division (B) (1), (2), or (6) of this section is not a resident 227  
of and has no place of business in this state, the party shall 228  
appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin county. 229

(6) Any party adversely affected by any order of an agency 230  
issued pursuant to any other adjudication may appeal to the 231  
court of common pleas of Franklin county or the court of common 232  
pleas of the county in which the business of the party is 233  
located or in which the party is a resident. 234

(C) This section does not apply to appeals from the 235  
department of taxation. 236

(D) Any party desiring to appeal shall file a notice of 237  
appeal with the agency setting forth the order appealed from and 238  
stating that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, 239  
probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance 240  
with law. The notice of appeal may, but need not, set forth the 241  
specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that 242  
the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and 243  
substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The 244  
notice of appeal shall also be filed by the appellant with the 245  
court. In filing a notice of appeal with the agency or court, 246  
the notice that is filed may be either the original notice or a 247  
copy of the original notice. Unless otherwise provided by law 248  
relating to a particular agency, notices of appeal shall be 249

filed within fifteen days after the mailing of the notice of the 250  
agency's order as provided in this section. For purposes of this 251  
paragraph, an order includes a determination appealed pursuant 252  
to division (C) of section 119.092 of the Revised Code. The 253  
amendments made to this paragraph by Sub. H.B. 215 of the 128th 254  
general assembly are procedural, and this paragraph as amended 255  
by those amendments shall be applied retrospectively to all 256  
appeals pursuant to this paragraph filed before September 13, 257  
2010, but not earlier than May 7, 2009, which was the date the 258  
supreme court of Ohio released its opinion and judgment in 259  
Medcorp, Inc. v. Ohio Dep't. of Job and Family Servs. (2009), 260  
121 Ohio St.3d 622. 261

(E) The filing of a notice of appeal shall not 262  
automatically operate as a suspension of the order of an agency. 263  
If it appears to the court that an unusual hardship to the 264  
appellant will result from the execution of the agency's order 265  
pending determination of the appeal, the court may grant a 266  
suspension and fix its terms. If an appeal is taken from the 267  
judgment of the court and the court has previously granted a 268  
suspension of the agency's order as provided in this section, 269  
the suspension of the agency's order shall not be vacated and 270  
shall be given full force and effect until the matter is finally 271  
adjudicated. No renewal of a license or permit shall be denied 272  
by reason of the suspended order during the period of the appeal 273  
from the decision of the court of common pleas. In the case of 274  
an appeal from the Ohio casino control commission, the state 275  
medical board, or the state chiropractic board, the court may 276  
grant a suspension and fix its terms if it appears to the court 277  
that an unusual hardship to the appellant will result from the 278  
execution of the agency's order pending determination of the 279  
appeal and the health, safety, and welfare of the public will 280

not be threatened by suspension of the order. This provision 281  
shall not be construed to limit the factors the court may 282  
consider in determining whether to suspend an order of any other 283  
agency pending determination of an appeal. 284

(F) The final order of adjudication may apply to any 285  
renewal of a license or permit which has been granted during the 286  
period of the appeal. 287

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 288  
any order issued by a court of common pleas or a court of 289  
appeals suspending the effect of an order of the liquor control 290  
commission issued pursuant to Chapter 4301. or 4303. of the 291  
Revised Code that suspends, revokes, or cancels a permit issued 292  
under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code or that allows the 293  
payment of a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of the Revised 294  
Code shall terminate not more than six months after the date of 295  
the filing of the record of the liquor control commission with 296  
the clerk of the court of common pleas and shall not be 297  
extended. The court of common pleas, or the court of appeals on 298  
appeal, shall render a judgment in that matter within six months 299  
after the date of the filing of the record of the liquor control 300  
commission with the clerk of the court of common pleas. A court 301  
of appeals shall not issue an order suspending the effect of an 302  
order of the liquor control commission that extends beyond six 303  
months after the date on which the record of the liquor control 304  
commission is filed with a court of common pleas. 305

(H) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 306  
any order issued by a court of common pleas or a court of 307  
appeals suspending the effect of an order of the Ohio casino 308  
control commission issued under Chapter 3772. of the Revised 309  
Code that limits, conditions, restricts, suspends, revokes, 310

denies, not renews, fines, or otherwise penalizes an applicant, 311  
licensee, or person excluded or ejected from a casino facility 312  
in accordance with section 3772.031 of the Revised Code shall 313  
terminate not more than six months after the date of the filing 314  
of the record of the Ohio casino control commission with the 315  
clerk of the court of common pleas and shall not be extended. 316  
The court of common pleas, or the court of appeals on appeal, 317  
shall render a judgment in that matter within six months after 318  
the date of the filing of the record of the Ohio casino control 319  
commission with the clerk of the court of common pleas. A court 320  
of appeals shall not issue an order suspending the effect of an 321  
order of the Ohio casino control commission that extends beyond 322  
six months after the date on which the record of the Ohio casino 323  
control commission is filed with the clerk of a court of common 324  
pleas. 325

(I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 326  
any order issued by a court of common pleas suspending the 327  
effect of an order of the state medical board or state 328  
chiropractic board that limits, revokes, suspends, places on 329  
probation, or refuses to register or reinstate a certificate 330  
issued by the board or reprimands the holder of the certificate 331  
shall terminate not more than fifteen months after the date of 332  
the filing of a notice of appeal in the court of common pleas, 333  
or upon the rendering of a final decision or order in the appeal 334  
by the court of common pleas, whichever occurs first. 335

~~(I)~~ (J) Within thirty days after receipt of a notice of 336  
appeal from an order in any case in which a hearing is required 337  
by sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, the agency 338  
shall prepare and certify to the court a complete record of the 339  
proceedings in the case. Failure of the agency to comply within 340  
the time allowed, upon motion, shall cause the court to enter a 341

finding in favor of the party adversely affected. Additional 342  
time, however, may be granted by the court, not to exceed thirty 343  
days, when it is shown that the agency has made substantial 344  
effort to comply. The record shall be prepared and transcribed, 345  
and the expense of it shall be taxed as a part of the costs on 346  
the appeal. The appellant shall provide security for costs 347  
satisfactory to the court of common pleas. Upon demand by any 348  
interested party, the agency shall furnish at the cost of the 349  
party requesting it a copy of the stenographic report of 350  
testimony offered and evidence submitted at any hearing and a 351  
copy of the complete record. 352

~~(J)~~ (K) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 353  
section, any party desiring to appeal an order or decision of 354  
the state personnel board of review shall, at the time of filing 355  
a notice of appeal with the board, provide a security deposit in 356  
an amount and manner prescribed in rules that the board shall 357  
adopt in accordance with this chapter. In addition, the board is 358  
not required to prepare or transcribe the record of any of its 359  
proceedings unless the appellant has provided the deposit 360  
described above. The failure of the board to prepare or 361  
transcribe a record for an appellant who has not provided a 362  
security deposit shall not cause a court to enter a finding 363  
adverse to the board. 364

~~(K)~~ (L) Unless otherwise provided by law, in the hearing 365  
of the appeal, the court is confined to the record as certified 366  
to it by the agency. Unless otherwise provided by law, the court 367  
may grant a request for the admission of additional evidence 368  
when satisfied that the additional evidence is newly discovered 369  
and could not with reasonable diligence have been ascertained 370  
prior to the hearing before the agency. 371

~~(I)~~ (M) The court shall conduct a hearing on the appeal 372  
and shall give preference to all proceedings under sections 373  
119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, over all other civil 374  
cases, irrespective of the position of the proceedings on the 375  
calendar of the court. An appeal from an order of the state 376  
medical board issued pursuant to division (G) of either section 377  
4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the state chiropractic 378  
board issued pursuant to section 4734.37 of the Revised Code, 379  
the liquor control commission issued pursuant to Chapter 4301. 380  
or 4303. of the Revised Code, or the Ohio casino control 381  
commission issued pursuant to Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code 382  
shall be set down for hearing at the earliest possible time and 383  
takes precedence over all other actions. The hearing in the 384  
court of common pleas shall proceed as in the trial of a civil 385  
action, and the court shall determine the rights of the parties 386  
in accordance with the laws applicable to a civil action. At the 387  
hearing, counsel may be heard on oral argument, briefs may be 388  
submitted, and evidence may be introduced if the court has 389  
granted a request for the presentation of additional evidence. 390

~~(M)~~ (N) The court may affirm the order of the agency 391  
complained of in the appeal if it finds, upon consideration of 392  
the entire record and any additional evidence the court has 393  
admitted, that the order is supported by reliable, probative, 394  
and substantial evidence and is in accordance with law. In the 395  
absence of this finding, it may reverse, vacate, or modify the 396  
order or make such other ruling as is supported by reliable, 397  
probative, and substantial evidence and is in accordance with 398  
law. The court shall award compensation for fees in accordance 399  
with section 2335.39 of the Revised Code to a prevailing party, 400  
other than an agency, in an appeal filed pursuant to this 401  
section. 402

~~(N)~~ (O) The judgment of the court shall be final and 403  
conclusive unless reversed, vacated, or modified on appeal. 404  
These appeals may be taken either by the party or the agency, 405  
shall proceed as in the case of appeals in civil actions, and 406  
shall be pursuant to the Rules of Appellate Procedure and, to 407  
the extent not in conflict with those rules, Chapter 2505. of 408  
the Revised Code. An appeal by the agency shall be taken on 409  
questions of law relating to the constitutionality, 410  
construction, or interpretation of statutes and rules of the 411  
agency, and, in the appeal, the court may also review and 412  
determine the correctness of the judgment of the court of common 413  
pleas that the order of the agency is not supported by any 414  
reliable, probative, and substantial evidence in the entire 415  
record. 416

The court shall certify its judgment to the agency or take 417  
any other action necessary to give its judgment effect. 418

**Sec. 124.34.** (A) The tenure of every officer or employee 419  
in the classified service of the state and the counties, civil 420  
service townships, cities, city health districts, general health 421  
districts, and city school districts of the state, holding a 422  
position under this chapter, shall be during good behavior and 423  
efficient service. No officer or employee shall be reduced in 424  
pay or position, fined, suspended, or removed, or have the 425  
officer's or employee's longevity reduced or eliminated, except 426  
as provided in section 124.32 of the Revised Code, and for 427  
incompetency, inefficiency, unsatisfactory performance, 428  
dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, 429  
discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, violation 430  
of any policy or work rule of the officer's or employee's 431  
appointing authority, violation of this chapter or the rules of 432  
the director of administrative services or the commission, any 433

other failure of good behavior, any other acts of misfeasance, 434  
malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or conviction of a felony 435  
while employed in the civil service. The denial of a one-time 436  
pay supplement or a bonus to an officer or employee is not a 437  
reduction in pay for purposes of this section. 438

This section does not apply to any modifications or 439  
reductions in pay or work week authorized by section 124.392, 440  
124.393, or 124.394 of the Revised Code. 441

An appointing authority may require an employee who is 442  
suspended to report to work to serve the suspension. An employee 443  
serving a suspension in this manner shall continue to be 444  
compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay for hours 445  
worked. The disciplinary action shall be recorded in the 446  
employee's personnel file in the same manner as other 447  
disciplinary actions and has the same effect as a suspension 448  
without pay for the purpose of recording disciplinary actions. 449

A finding by the appropriate ethics commission, based upon 450  
a preponderance of the evidence, that the facts alleged in a 451  
complaint under section 102.06 of the Revised Code constitute a 452  
violation of Chapter 102., section 2921.42, or section 2921.43 453  
of the Revised Code may constitute grounds for dismissal. 454  
Failure to file a statement or falsely filing a statement 455  
required by section 102.02 of the Revised Code may also 456  
constitute grounds for dismissal. The tenure of an employee in 457  
the career professional service of the department of 458  
transportation is subject to section 5501.20 of the Revised 459  
Code. 460

Conviction of a felony while employed in the civil service 461  
is a separate basis for reducing in pay or position, suspending, 462  
or removing an officer or employee, even if the officer or 463



employee has already been reduced in pay or position, suspended, 464  
or removed for the same conduct that is the basis of the felony. 465  
An officer or employee may not appeal to the state personnel 466  
board of review or the commission any disciplinary action taken 467  
by an appointing authority as a result of the officer's or 468  
employee's conviction of a felony. If an officer or employee 469  
removed under this section is reinstated as a result of an 470  
appeal of the removal, any conviction of a felony that occurs 471  
during the pendency of the appeal is a basis for further 472  
disciplinary action under this section upon the officer's or 473  
employee's reinstatement. 474

A person convicted of a felony while employed in the civil 475  
service immediately forfeits the person's status as a classified 476  
employee in any public employment on and after the date of the 477  
conviction for the felony. If an officer or employee is removed 478  
under this section as a result of being convicted of a felony or 479  
is subsequently convicted of a felony that involves the same 480  
conduct that was the basis for the removal, the officer or 481  
employee is barred from receiving any compensation after the 482  
removal notwithstanding any modification or disaffirmance of the 483  
removal, unless the conviction for the felony is subsequently 484  
reversed or annulled. 485

Any person removed for conviction of a felony is entitled 486  
to a cash payment for any accrued but unused sick, personal, and 487  
vacation leave as authorized by law. If subsequently reemployed 488  
in the public sector, the person shall qualify for and accrue 489  
these forms of leave in the manner specified by law for a newly 490  
appointed employee and shall not be credited with prior public 491  
service for the purpose of receiving these forms of leave. 492

As used in this division, "felony" means any of the 493

following:	494
(1) A felony that is an offense of violence as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code;	495 496
(2) A felony that is a felony drug abuse offense as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code;	497 498
(3) A felony under the laws of this or any other state or the United States that is a crime of moral turpitude;	499 500
(4) A felony involving dishonesty, fraud, or theft;	501
(5) A felony that is a violation of section 2921.05, 2921.32, or 2921.42 of the Revised Code.	502 503
(B) In case of a reduction, a suspension of more than forty work hours in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime compensation, a suspension of more than twenty-four work hours in the case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, a fine of more than forty hours' pay in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime compensation, a fine of more than twenty-four hours' pay in the case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, or removal, except for the reduction or removal of a probationary employee, the appointing authority shall serve the employee with a copy of the order of reduction, fine, suspension, or removal, which order shall state the reasons for the action.	504 505 506 507 508 509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516
Within ten days following the date on which the order is served or, in the case of an employee in the career professional service of the department of transportation, within ten days following the filing of a removal order, the employee, except as otherwise provided in this section, may file an appeal of the order in writing with the state personnel board of review or the	517 518 519 520 521 522

commission. For purposes of this section, the date on which an 523  
order is served is the date of hand delivery of the order or the 524  
date of delivery of the order by certified United States mail, 525  
whichever occurs first. If an appeal is filed, the board or 526  
commission shall forthwith notify the appointing authority and 527  
shall hear, or appoint a trial board to hear, the appeal within 528  
thirty days from and after its filing with the board or 529  
commission. The board, commission, or trial board may affirm, 530  
disaffirm, or modify the judgment of the appointing authority. 531  
However, in an appeal of a removal order based upon a violation 532  
of a last chance agreement, the board, commission, or trial 533  
board may only determine if the employee violated the agreement 534  
and thus affirm or disaffirm the judgment of the appointing 535  
authority. 536

In cases of removal or reduction in pay for disciplinary 537  
reasons, either the appointing authority or the officer or 538  
employee may appeal from the decision of the state personnel 539  
board of review or the commission, and any such appeal shall be 540  
to the court of common pleas ~~of the county in which the~~ 541  
~~appointing authority is located, or to the court of common pleas~~ 542  
~~of Franklin county, as provided by section 119.12 of the Revised~~ 543  
~~Code in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.~~ 544

(C) In the case of the suspension for any period of time, 545  
or a fine, demotion, or removal, of a chief of police, a chief 546  
of a fire department, or any member of the police or fire 547  
department of a city or civil service township, who is in the 548  
classified civil service, the appointing authority shall furnish 549  
the chief or member with a copy of the order of suspension, 550  
fine, demotion, or removal, which order shall state the reasons 551  
for the action. The order shall be filed with the municipal or 552  
civil service township civil service commission. Within ten days 553

following the filing of the order, the chief or member may file 554  
an appeal, in writing, with the commission. If an appeal is 555  
filed, the commission shall forthwith notify the appointing 556  
authority and shall hear, or appoint a trial board to hear, the 557  
appeal within thirty days from and after its filing with the 558  
commission, and it may affirm, disaffirm, or modify the judgment 559  
of the appointing authority. An appeal on questions of law and 560  
fact may be had from the decision of the commission to the court 561  
of common pleas in the county in which the city or civil service 562  
township is situated. The appeal shall be taken within thirty 563  
days from the finding of the commission. 564

(D) A violation of division (A) (7) of section 2907.03 of 565  
the Revised Code is grounds for termination of employment of a 566  
nonteaching employee under this section. 567

(E) The director shall adopt a rule in accordance with 568  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to define the term 569  
"unsatisfactory performance" as it is used in this section with 570  
regard to employees in the service of the state. 571

(F) As used in this section, "last chance agreement" means 572  
an agreement signed by both an appointing authority and an 573  
officer or employee of the appointing authority that describes 574  
the type of behavior or circumstances that, if it occurs, will 575  
automatically lead to removal of the officer or employee without 576  
the right of appeal to the state personnel board of review or 577  
the appropriate commission. 578

Sec. 303.65. A final judgment on the merits issued by a 579  
court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to its power of review 580  
under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code, on claims brought under 581  
this chapter, does not preclude later claims for damages, 582  
including claims brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983, even if the 583

common law doctrine of res judicata would otherwise bar the 584  
claim. 585

The general assembly intends that this section be 586  
construed to override the federal sixth circuit court of 587  
appeals's decision in the case *Lavon Moore v. Hiram Twp.*, 988 588  
F.3d 353 (6th Cir. 2021). 589

**Sec. 519.26.** A final judgment on the merits issued by a 590  
court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to its power of review 591  
under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code, on claims brought under 592  
this chapter, does not preclude later claims for damages, 593  
including claims brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983, even if the 594  
common law doctrine of res judicata would otherwise bar the 595  
claim. 596

The general assembly intends that this section be 597  
construed to override the federal sixth circuit court of 598  
appeals's decision in the case *Lavon Moore v. Hiram Twp.*, 988 599  
F.3d 353 (6th Cir. 2021). 600

**Sec. 713.16.** A final judgment on the merits issued by a 601  
court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to its power of review 602  
under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code, on claims brought under 603  
this chapter, does not preclude later claims for damages, 604  
including claims brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983, even if the 605  
common law doctrine of res judicata would otherwise bar the 606  
claim. 607

The general assembly intends that this section be 608  
construed to override the federal sixth circuit court of 609  
appeals's decision in the case *Lavon Moore v. Hiram Twp.*, 988 610  
F.3d 353 (6th Cir. 2021). 611

**Sec. 956.11.** (A) The director of agriculture may enter 612

into contracts or agreements with an animal rescue for dogs, an 613  
animal shelter for dogs, a boarding kennel, a veterinarian, a 614  
board of county commissioners, or a humane society for the 615  
purposes of this section. 616

(B) (1) If the director or the director's authorized 617  
representative determines that a dog is being kept by a high 618  
volume breeder or dog broker in a manner that materially 619  
violates this chapter or rules adopted under it, the director 620  
may impound the dog and order it to be seized by an animal 621  
rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a boarding kennel, 622  
a veterinarian, a board of county commissioners, or a humane 623  
society with which the director has entered into a contract or 624  
agreement under division (A) of this section. Upon receiving the 625  
order from the director, the animal rescue for dogs, animal 626  
shelter for dogs, boarding kennel, veterinarian, board of county 627  
commissioners, or humane society shall seize the dog and keep, 628  
house, and maintain it. 629

(2) The director or the director's authorized 630  
representative shall give written notice of the impoundment by 631  
posting a notice on the door of the premises from which the dog 632  
was taken or by otherwise posting the notice in a conspicuous 633  
place at the premises from which the dog was taken. The notice 634  
shall provide a date for an adjudication hearing, which shall 635  
take place not later than five business days after the dog is 636  
taken and at which the director shall determine if the dog 637  
should be permanently relinquished to the custody of the 638  
director. 639

(C) The owner or operator of the applicable high volume 640  
breeder or the person acting as or performing the functions of a 641  
dog broker may appeal the determination made at the adjudication 642

hearing in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code, 643  
~~except that the appeal may be made only to the environmental~~ 644  
~~division of the Franklin county municipal court.~~ 645

(D) If, after the final disposition of an adjudication 646  
hearing and any appeals from that adjudication hearing, it is 647  
determined that a dog shall be permanently relinquished to the 648  
custody of the director, the dog may be adopted directly from 649  
the animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding 650  
kennel, veterinarian, county dog pound, or humane society where 651  
it is being kept, housed, and maintained, provided that the dog 652  
has been spayed or neutered unless there are medical reasons 653  
against spaying or neutering as determined by a veterinarian. 654  
The animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding 655  
kennel, veterinarian, county dog pound, or humane society may 656  
charge a reasonable adoption fee. The fee shall be at least 657  
sufficient to cover the costs of spaying or neutering the dog 658  
unless it is medically contraindicated. Impounded dogs shall be 659  
returned to persons acquitted of any alleged violations. 660

**Sec. 956.15.** (A) The director of agriculture shall deny an 661  
application for a license that is submitted under section 956.04 662  
or 956.05 of the Revised Code for either of the following 663  
reasons: 664

(1) The applicant for the license has violated any 665  
provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under it if the 666  
violation materially threatens the health or welfare of a dog. 667

(2) The applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 668  
to a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with 669  
section 9.79 of the Revised Code. 670

(B) The director may suspend or revoke a license issued 671

under this chapter for violation of any provision of this 672  
chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under it if the 673  
violation materially threatens the health and welfare of a dog. 674

(C) An application or a license shall not be denied, 675  
suspended, or revoked under this section without a written order 676  
of the director stating the findings on which the denial, 677  
suspension, or revocation is based. A copy of the order shall be 678  
sent to the applicant or license holder by certified mail or may 679  
be provided to the applicant or license holder by personal 680  
service. In addition, the person to whom a denial, suspension, 681  
or revocation applies may request an adjudication hearing under 682  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The director shall comply with 683  
such a request. The determination of the director at an 684  
adjudication hearing may be appealed in accordance with section 685  
119.12 of the Revised Code, ~~except that the determination may be~~ 686  
~~appealed only to the environmental division of the Franklin~~ 687  
~~county municipal court.~~ 688

**Sec. 1901.01.** (A) There is hereby established a municipal 689  
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 690

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 691  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 692  
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 693  
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 694  
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 695  
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 696  
Cleveland, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, Fairfield, Findlay, 697  
Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield Heights, Georgetown, 698  
Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Huron, Ironton, 699  
Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lima, 700  
Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, Marietta, Marion, 701



Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, Mentor, 702  
Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount Vernon, 703  
Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, Newton Falls, 704  
Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, Painesville, 705  
Parma, Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, 706  
Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South 707  
Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, 708  
Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, 709  
Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of Washington in 710  
Fayette county, to be known as Washington Court House, Wauseon, 711  
Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and 712  
Zanesville. 713

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 714  
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 715  
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 716  
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 717  
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 718  
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 719  
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 720  
this division. 721

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 722  
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 723  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana county 724  
that is selected by the judges of the municipal court pursuant 725  
to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code. 726

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 727  
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 728  
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 729  
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 730  
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 731

authority of that court. 732

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 733  
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 734  
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 735

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 736  
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 737

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 738  
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 739  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 740  
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 741  
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 742  
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 743  
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 744  
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 745

~~(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established~~ 746  
~~a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal~~ 747  
~~corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county,~~ 748  
~~except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and~~ 749  
~~Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the~~ 750  
~~legislative authority of that court.~~ 751

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by 752  
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 753  
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 754  
for the Clermont county municipal court, and, effective January 755  
1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court, within the municipal 756  
corporation or unincorporated territory in which they are 757  
established, and are courts of record. Each of the courts shall 758  
be styled " \_\_\_\_\_ municipal court," 759  
inserting the name of the municipal corporation, except the 760

following courts, which shall be styled as set forth below:	761
(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal court";	762 763 764
(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal court";	765 766 767
(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court";	768 769
(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court";	770 771
(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court";	772 773
(6) The municipal court established in London that shall be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court";	774 775
(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court";	776 777
(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court";	778 779
(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal court";	780 781 782
(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court";	783 784
(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court";	785 786
(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall	787

be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court";	788
(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court";	789 790
(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court";	791 792
(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court";	793 794
(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court";	795 796
(17) The municipal court established within Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled and known as the "Clermont county municipal court";	797 798 799 800 801
(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the "Clinton county municipal court";	802 803 804
(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court";	805 806 807
(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the "Fairfield county municipal court";	808 809 810
(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and known as the "Columbiana county municipal court";	811 812 813 814 815

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 816  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 817  
"Brown county municipal court"; 818

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 819  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 820  
"Morrow county municipal court"; 821

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 822  
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 823  
"Darke county municipal court"; 824

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 825  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 826  
"Holmes county municipal court"; 827

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 828  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 829  
"Carroll county municipal court"; 830

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 831  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 832  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 833  
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 834  
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 835  
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 836  
court"; 837

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 838  
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 839  
"Putnam county municipal court"; 840

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 841  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 842  
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 843  
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 844

Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 845  
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 846  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 847  
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 848  
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 849

~~(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 850  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 851  
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 852  
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 853  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 854  
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 855  
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 856~~

~~(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 857  
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 858  
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 859~~

~~(32) (31) The municipal court established in New Lexington 860  
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 861  
the "Perry county municipal court"; 862~~

~~(33) (32) The municipal court established in Paulding 863  
that, beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as 864  
the "Paulding county municipal court"; 865~~

~~(34) (33) The municipal court established in Wauseon that, 866  
beginning January 1, 2024, shall be styled and known as the 867  
"Fulton county municipal court." 868~~

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 869  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 870  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 871

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 872  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 873

corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit county.	874 875
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark county.	876 877 878
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashland county.	879 880
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	881 882
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within Athens county.	883 884
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction within Auglaize county.	885 886
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	887 888
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in Summit county.	889 890 891 892 893
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	894 895 896 897 898
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within Logan county.	899 900

The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme 901  
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township 902  
in Sandusky county. 903

The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the 904  
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, 905  
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted 906  
township, in Cuyahoga county. 907

The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within 908  
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, 909  
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, 910  
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising 911  
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, ~~and~~; within 912  
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, 913  
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, 914  
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county; and on and after 915  
January 2, 2024, within Perry township in Wood county. 916

Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal 917  
court has jurisdiction within Brown county. 918

The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams 919  
county. 920

The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within 921  
Guernsey county. 922

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within 923  
Coitsville township in Mahoning county. 924

The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, 925  
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in 926  
Stark county. 927

The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within 928



Carroll county.	929
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	930 931
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	932 933
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	934 935
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	936 937
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	938 939
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	940 941
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	942 943
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	944 945
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	946 947
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within Columbiana county.	948 949
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coshocton county.	950 951
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within Crawford county.	952 953
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	954

court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	955
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	956
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	957
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	958
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	959
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	960
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	961
municipal corporation of Bradford.	962
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	963
Defiance county.	964
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	965
Delaware county.	966
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	967
county.	968
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	969
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	970
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	971
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	972
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	973
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	974
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	975
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	976
Vermilion.	977
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	978
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and	979
Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	980
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	981
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	982

The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction, <u>until</u>	983
<u>January 2, 2024,</u> within all of Hancock county except within	984
Washington township, <u>and on and after January 2, 2024, within</u>	985
<u>all of Hancock county.</u>	986
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	987
Franklin township in Warren county.	988
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	989
within Franklin county.	990
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	991
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	992
Beginning January 1, 2024, the Fulton county municipal	993
court has jurisdiction within Fulton county.	994
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	995
Gallia county.	996
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	997
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	998
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	999
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	1000
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	1001
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	1002
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	1003
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	1004
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	1005
within Hamilton county.	1006
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1007
Hardin county.	1008
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	1009

of Highland county except within Madison township.	1010
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1011
Hocking county.	1012
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1013
Holmes county.	1014
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	1015
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	1016
corporation of Sandusky.	1017
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	1018
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	1019
townships in Lawrence county.	1020
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1021
Jackson county.	1022
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1023
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	1024
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	1025
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	1026
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	1027
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	1028
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	1029
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	1030
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	1031
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	1032
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1033
Licking county.	1034
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	1035
county.	1036

The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1037  
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield 1038  
township, in Lorain county. 1039

The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1040  
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, 1041  
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga 1042  
county. 1043

The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within 1044  
Madison county. 1045

The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within 1046  
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy, 1047  
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships, 1048  
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in 1049  
Richland county. 1050

The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within 1051  
Washington county. 1052

The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion 1053  
county. 1054

The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within 1055  
Union county. 1056

The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within 1057  
Deerfield township in Warren county. 1058

The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within 1059  
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson 1060  
townships in Stark county. 1061

The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1062  
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within 1063  
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions 1064

of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of 1065  
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas 1066  
county. 1067

The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1068  
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- 1069  
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick 1070  
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, 1071  
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in 1072  
Medina county. 1073

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1074  
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 1075

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 1076  
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 1077  
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 1078

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1079  
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 1080  
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 1081

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 1082  
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 1083  
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 1084

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 1085  
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 1086  
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 1087  
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 1088  
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 1089  
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 1090

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 1091  
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 1092

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox county.	1093 1094
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry county.	1095 1096
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas county.	1097 1098 1099 1100 1101
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	1102 1103 1104
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield township in Trumbull county.	1105 1106 1107
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	1108 1109 1110
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	1111 1112 1113 1114 1115 1116
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	1117 1118 1119 1120 1121

Toledo municipal court.	1122
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1123
Ottawa county.	1124
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	1125
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in	1126
Lake county.	1127
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1128
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale,	1129
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn	1130
Heights in Cuyahoga county.	1131
Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal	1132
court has jurisdiction within Perry county.	1133
Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal	1134
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county.	1135
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1136
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	1137
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships,	1138
in Wood county.	1139
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1140
Portage county.	1141
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within	1142
Scioto county.	1143
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1144
Putnam county.	1145
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	1146
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview	1147
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in	1148



Cuyahoga county. 1149

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1150  
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 1151  
Perkins township, in Erie county. 1152

~~Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal~~ 1153  
~~court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except~~ 1154  
~~within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and~~ 1155  
~~Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.~~ 1156

The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within 1157  
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, 1158  
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county. 1159

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 1160  
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 1161  
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 1162  
in Richland county. 1163

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 1164  
county. 1165

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 1166  
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 1167  
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 1168  
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 1169  
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 1170  
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 1171

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1172  
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 1173  
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 1174  
county. 1175

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1176

municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 1177  
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 1178  
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 1179  
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 1180  
in Lucas county. 1181

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 1182  
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 1183  
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 1184  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 1185  
and beginning on January 1, 2014, and until January 2, 2024, has 1186  
jurisdiction within Washington township in Hancock county, and 1187  
within Perry township, except within the municipal corporation 1188  
of West Millgrove, in Wood county. 1189

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 1190  
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 1191  
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 1192

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 1193  
Wyandot county. 1194

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1195  
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 1196  
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 1197  
county. 1198

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 1199  
Wert county. 1200

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1201  
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 1202  
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 1203  
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 1204

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1205

municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and	1206
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer,	1207
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county.	1208
The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren	1209
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township	1210
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull	1211
county.	1212
The Washington Court House municipal court has	1213
jurisdiction within Fayette county.	1214
The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1215
Wayne county.	1216
The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1217
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick,	1218
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill,	1219
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake	1220
county.	1221
Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has	1222
jurisdiction within Clinton county.	1223
The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within	1224
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross,	1225
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in	1226
Greene county.	1227
(C) As used in this section:	1228
(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but	1229
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is	1230
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that	1231
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is	1232
governmentally a part of the township.	1233

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 1234  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 1235  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 1236  
corporation. 1237

**Sec. 1901.021.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in 1238  
division (M) of this section, the judge or judges of any 1239  
municipal court established under division (A) of section 1240  
1901.01 of the Revised Code having territorial jurisdiction 1241  
outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 1242  
which it is located may sit outside the corporate limits of the 1243  
municipal corporation within the area of its territorial 1244  
jurisdiction. 1245

(B) Two or more of the judges of the Hamilton county 1246  
municipal court may be assigned by the presiding judge of the 1247  
court to sit outside the municipal corporation of Cincinnati. 1248

(C) Two of the judges of the Portage county municipal 1249  
court shall sit within the municipal corporation of Ravenna, and 1250  
one of the judges shall sit within the municipal corporation of 1251  
Kent. The judges may sit in other incorporated areas of Portage 1252  
county. 1253

(D) The judges of the Wayne county municipal court shall 1254  
sit within the municipal corporation of Wooster and may sit in 1255  
other incorporated areas of Wayne county. 1256

(E) The judge of the Auglaize county municipal court shall 1257  
sit within the municipal corporations of Wapakoneta and St. 1258  
Marys and may sit in other incorporated areas in Auglaize 1259  
county. 1260

(F) At least one of the judges of the Miami county 1261  
municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of 1262

Troy, Piqua, and Tipp City, and the judges may sit in other	1263
incorporated areas of Miami county.	1264
(G) The judge of the Crawford county municipal court shall	1265
sit within the municipal corporations of Bucyrus and Galion and	1266
may sit in other incorporated areas in Crawford county.	1267
(H) The judge of the Jackson county municipal court shall	1268
sit within the municipal corporations of Jackson and Wellston	1269
and may sit in other incorporated areas in Jackson county.	1270
(I) Each judge of the Columbiana county municipal court	1271
may sit within the municipal corporation of Lisbon, Salem, or	1272
East Palestine until the judges jointly select a central	1273
location within the territorial jurisdiction of the court. When	1274
the judges select a central location, the judges shall sit at	1275
that location.	1276
(J) In any municipal court, other than the Hamilton county	1277
municipal court and the Montgomery county municipal court, that	1278
has more than one judge, the decision for one or more judges to	1279
sit outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation	1280
shall be made by rule of the court as provided in division (C)	1281
of sections 1901.14 and 1901.16 of the Revised Code.	1282
(K) The assignment of a judge to sit in a municipal	1283
corporation other than that in which the court is located does	1284
not affect the jurisdiction of the mayor except as provided in	1285
section 1905.01 of the Revised Code.	1286
(L) The judges of the Clermont county municipal court may	1287
sit in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory	1288
within Clermont county.	1289
(M) Beginning July 1, 2010, the judges of the Montgomery	1290
county municipal court shall sit in the same locations as the	1291

judges of the Montgomery county county court sat before the 1292  
county court was abolished on that date. The legislative 1293  
authority of the Montgomery county municipal court may determine 1294  
after that date that the judges of the Montgomery county 1295  
municipal court shall sit in any municipal corporation or 1296  
unincorporated territory within Montgomery county. 1297

(N) The judge of the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court shall 1298  
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Tiffin and 1299  
Fostoria on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the 1300  
municipal corporation of Tiffin and within Adams, Big Spring, 1301  
Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Liberty, Pleasant, Reed, Scioto, 1302  
Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county shall be 1303  
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 1304  
municipal corporation of Tiffin. Cases that arise in the 1305  
municipal corporation of Fostoria and within Loudon and Jackson 1306  
townships in Seneca county, ~~within Washington township in~~ 1307  
~~Hancock county, and within Perry township, except within the~~ 1308  
~~municipal corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county,~~ shall 1309  
be filed in the office of the special deputy clerk located in 1310  
the municipal corporation of Fostoria. Until January 2, 2024, 1311  
cases that arise within Washington township in Hancock county, 1312  
and within Perry township, except within the municipal 1313  
corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county, shall be filed in 1314  
the office of the special deputy clerk located in the municipal 1315  
corporation of Fostoria. 1316

(O) The judge of the Fulton county municipal court shall 1317  
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Wauseon and 1318  
Swanton on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the municipal 1319  
corporation of Wauseon and within Chesterfield, Clinton, Dover, 1320  
Franklin, German, and Gorham townships in Fulton county shall be 1321  
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 1322

municipal corporation of Wauseon. Cases that arise in the 1323  
municipal corporation of Swanton and within Amboy, Fulton, Pike, 1324  
Swan Creek, Royalton, and York townships shall be filed in the 1325  
office of the special deputy clerk located in the municipal 1326  
corporation of Swanton. 1327

**Sec. 1901.041.** (A) Except as authorized by or provided in 1328  
division (B) of section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, all cases 1329  
filed after the institution of a housing or environmental 1330  
division of a municipal court and over which the division has 1331  
jurisdiction shall be assigned by the administrative judge of 1332  
the municipal court to the judge of the division. Any cases 1333  
pending in the municipal court at the time the division is 1334  
instituted and over which the division has jurisdiction shall be 1335  
reassigned to the judge of the division, if the administrative 1336  
judge determines that reassignment will not delay the trial of 1337  
the case and that reassignment is in the best interests of the 1338  
parties. 1339

(B) The Hamilton county municipal court may refer a case 1340  
~~of the type described in division (B) (3) of section 2301.03 of~~ 1341  
~~the Revised Code to the drug court judge of the court of common~~ 1342  
~~pleas of Hamilton county pursuant to that division if the case~~ 1343  
is of a type that is eligible for admission into the drug court 1344  
under the local rule adopted by the court of common pleas under 1345  
division (B) (3) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 1346

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 1347  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 1348  
their terms shall be as follows: 1349

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1350  
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1351  
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 1352

full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1353
In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1354
be elected in 1953.	1355
In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1356
be elected in 1951.	1357
In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge	1358
shall be elected in 1953.	1359
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge	1360
shall be elected in 1967.	1361
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time	1362
judge shall be elected in 1975.	1363
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge	1364
shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the	1365
part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected	1366
in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the	1367
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017.	1368
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge	1369
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be	1370
elected in 1971.	1371
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1372
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1373
1979.	1374
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge	1375
shall be elected in 1993.	1376
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1377
be elected in 1951.	1378
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1379



elected in 2005. 1380

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 1381  
shall be elected in 1983. 1382

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 1383  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 1384  
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 1385  
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 1386  
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 1387  
until December 31, 2005. 1388

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1389  
elected in 1965. 1390

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 1391  
shall be elected in 1951. 1392

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1393  
be elected in 1963. 1394

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1395  
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1396  
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 1397

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 1398  
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 1399  
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 1400  
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 1401  
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 1402  
December 31, 2009. 1403

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1404  
be elected in 1957. 1405

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 1406  
judge shall be elected in 2001. 1407

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1408
be elected in 1963.	1409
In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge	1410
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1411
elected in 1977.	1412
In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge	1413
shall be elected in 1953.	1414
In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge	1415
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be	1416
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield	1417
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as	1418
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1,	1419
1988, until the end of their respective terms.	1420
In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time	1421
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall	1422
be elected in 1999.	1423
In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges	1424
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be	1425
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in	1426
1955.	1427
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	1428
judge shall be elected in 1957.	1429
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	1430
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	1431
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	1432
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until	1433
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	1434
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time	1435

judges shall be elected in 2001. 1436

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1437  
be elected in 1953. 1438

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 1439  
shall be elected in 1951. 1440

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 1441  
judge shall be elected in 1977. 1442

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1443  
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 1444  
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 1445  
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 1446  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 1447  
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 1448  
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 1449  
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 1450  
December 31, 2013, respectively. 1451

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 1452  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 1453  
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 1454  
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 1455  
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 1456  
December 31, 2005. 1457

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 1458  
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 1459  
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 1460  
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 1461  
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 1462  
second day of January next after their election. 1463

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1464

be elected in 1957.	1465
In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1466
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1467
2007.	1468
In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge	1469
shall be elected in 1957.	1470
In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1471
elected in 1973.	1472
In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1473
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1474
1973.	1475
In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge	1476
shall be elected in 2007.	1477
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1478
be elected in 1951.	1479
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1480
be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1481
2023.	1482
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time	1483
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be	1484
elected in 2005.	1485
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge	1486
shall be elected in 1989.	1487
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1488
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1489
1993.	1490
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1491

be elected in 1951.	1492
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time	1493
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be	1494
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in	1495
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-	1496
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge	1497
shall be elected in 1997.	1498
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1499
be elected in 1975.	1500
In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on	1501
January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023.	1502
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge	1503
shall be elected in 1981.	1504
In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time	1505
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1506
elected in 1981.	1507
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1508
be elected in 1963.	1509
In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1510
be elected in 1953.	1511
In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time	1512
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be	1513
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981,	1514
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of	1515
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on	1516
the first day of January next after their election, except that	1517
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall	1518
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the	1519

terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 1520  
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 1521

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 1522  
shall be elected in 1989. 1523

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 1524  
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 1525  
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 1526  
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1527  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 1528

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 1529  
shall be elected in 1977. 1530

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 1531  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 1532  
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 1533  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1534  
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 1535  
court until December 31, 2007. 1536

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 1537  
elected in 1967. 1538

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1539  
be elected in 1951. 1540

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 1541  
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 1542  
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 1543  
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1544  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 1545

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 1546  
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 1547

elected in 1975.	1548
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1549
be elected in 1955.	1550
In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge	1551
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1552
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges	1553
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and	1554
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal	1555
court until the end of those judges' terms.	1556
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time	1557
judge shall be elected in 1981.	1558
In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1559
be elected in 1955.	1560
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge	1561
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1562
elected in 1971.	1563
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1564
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1565
1967.	1566
In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1567
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1568
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In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge	1570
shall be elected in 1957.	1571
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge	1572
shall be elected in 1981.	1573
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge	1574

shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1575
elected in 1969.	1576
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1577
be elected in 1957.	1578
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1579
be elected in 1951.	1580
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	1581
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	1582
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	1583
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	1584
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	1585
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	1586
elected in 1965.	1587
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge	1588
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	1589
elected in 1971.	1590
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1591
be elected in 1963.	1592
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1593
be elected in 1957.	1594
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1595
be elected in 1971.	1596
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	1597
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	1598
elected in 1979.	1599
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge	1600
shall be elected in 1951.	1601



In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 1602  
shall be elected in 1953. 1603

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 1604

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 1605  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 1606  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1607  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1608  
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 1609  
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 1610  
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 1611  
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 1612  
county county court that existed before that date whose term 1613  
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 1614  
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 1615  
2011. 1616

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 1617  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 1618  
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1619  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1620  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1621  
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1622  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1623

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1624  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1625  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1626  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1627  
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1628  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1629

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1630

term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1631  
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1632  
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1633  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1634  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1635  
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1636  
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1637  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1638  
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1639  
December 31, 2013. 1640

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1641  
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1642  
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1643  
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1644  
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1645  
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1646

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1647  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1648  
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1649  
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1650  
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1651

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1652  
shall be elected in 1951. 1653

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1654  
be elected in 2005. 1655

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1656  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1657

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1658  
shall be elected in 1963. 1659

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1660 1661
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1662 1663
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1664 1665
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	1666 1667
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1668 1669
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1670 1671 1672 1673 1674
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1675 1676
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1677 1678 1679
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2019.	1680 1681 1682
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	1683 1684
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	1685 1686

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1687  
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In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1690  
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In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1985. 1695  
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In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part-time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal court until December 31, 2011. 1698  
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In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1704  
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In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. 1707  
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~~In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, the two part time judges of the Sandusky county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as part time judges of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the~~ 1709  
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~~person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1716~~  
~~time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1717~~  
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In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1719  
shall be elected in 1957. 1720

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1721  
be elected in 1957. 1722

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1723  
be elected in 1995. 1724

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1725  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1726  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1727  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1728  
January 1, 2000. 1729

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1730  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1731  
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1732  
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1733  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1734  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1735

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1736  
shall be elected in 1953. 1737

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1738  
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1739  
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1740  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1741  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1742  
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1743  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1744

that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall

be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1772  
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In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2000. 1774  
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In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. 1779  
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In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951. 1782  
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In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1784  
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In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977. 1789  
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In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 1791  
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In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. 1794  
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**Sec. 1901.31.** The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have powers and duties as follows: 1796  
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(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed 1799

or elected as follows: 1800

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana 1801  
county, Hamilton county, Miami county, Montgomery county, 1802  
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and through 1803  
December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the 1804  
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1805  
thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 1806  
the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 1807  
be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 1808  
territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 1809  
election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1810

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1811  
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1812  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1813  
successor is elected and qualified. 1814

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1815  
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1816  
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1817  
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1818  
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1819  
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1820  
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1821  
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1822  
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1823  
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1824  
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1825  
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1826  
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1827  
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1828  
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1829



provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1830

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1831  
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1832  
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1833  
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1834  
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1835  
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1836  
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1837  
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1838  
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1839  
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1840  
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1841  
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1842  
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1843  
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1844  
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1845  
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1846  
Code. 1847

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1848  
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1849  
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1850  
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1851  
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1852  
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1853  
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1854  
at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1855  
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1856  
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1857  
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1858  
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1859  
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1860

the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1861  
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1862  
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1863

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 1864  
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1865  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1866  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1867  
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1868  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1869  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1870  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1871  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1872  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1873  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1874  
territory of the court. 1875

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1876  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1877  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1878  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1879  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1880  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1881  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1882  
Revised Code. 1883

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1884  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1885  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1886  
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1887  
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1888  
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1889  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1890

particular political party for election to that office, a 1891  
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1892  
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1893  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1894  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1895

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1896  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1897  
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1898  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1899  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1900  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1901  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1902  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1903  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1904  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1905  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1906  
successor is elected and qualified. 1907

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1908  
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1909  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1910  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1911  
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1912  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1913  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1914  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1915  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1916  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1917  
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1918  
the territory of the court. 1919

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1920

petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1921  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1922  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1923  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1924  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1925  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1926  
Revised Code. 1927

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1928  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1929  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1930  
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1931  
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1932  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1933  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1934  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1935  
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1936  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1937  
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1938  
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1939  
Revised Code. 1940

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1941  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1942  
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1943  
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1944  
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1945  
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1946  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1947  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1948  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1949  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1950  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1951

successor is elected and qualified. 1952

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1953  
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1954  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1955  
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1956  
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1957  
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1958  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1959  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1960  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1961  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1962  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1963  
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1964  
electors of the territory of the court. 1965

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1966  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1967  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1968  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1969  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1970  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1971  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1972  
Revised Code. 1973

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1974  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1975  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1976  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1977  
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1978  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1979  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1980  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1981

office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1982  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1983  
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1984  
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1985  
Revised Code. 1986

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1987  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1988  
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1989  
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1990  
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1991  
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1992  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1993  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1994  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1995  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1996  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1997  
successor is elected and qualified. 1998

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1999  
effect after December 31, 2008. 2000

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 2001  
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 2002  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 2003  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 2004  
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 2005  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 2006  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 2007  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 2008  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 2009  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 2010  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 2011

territory of the court. 2012

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 2013  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 2014  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 2015  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 2016  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 2017  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 2018  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 2019  
Revised Code. 2020

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 2021  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 2022  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 2023  
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 2024  
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 2025  
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 2026  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 2027  
particular political party for election to that office, a 2028  
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 2029  
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 2030  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 2031  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 2032

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 2033  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 2034  
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 2035  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 2036  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 2037  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 2038  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 2039  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 2040  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 2041

six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 2042  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 2043  
successor is elected and qualified. 2044

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 2045  
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 2046  
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 2047  
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 2048  
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 2049  
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 2050  
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 2051  
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 2052  
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 2053  
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 2054  
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 2055  
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 2056  
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 2057  
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 2058  
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 2059  
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 2060  
Revised Code. 2061

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 2062  
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, ~~Sandusky~~ 2063  
~~county~~, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal 2064  
courts, in a municipal court for which the population of the 2065  
territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk shall be 2066  
appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office until 2067  
the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 2068

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and 2069  
Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a 2070  
term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this 2071



section. 2072

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 2073  
Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal 2074  
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 2075  
Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky-~~ 2076  
~~county~~ shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize 2077  
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam 2078  
county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal courts and may appoint a 2079  
chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established 2080  
pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant 2081  
clerks as the judge of the court determines are necessary, all 2082  
of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative 2083  
authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize county, 2084  
Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~-~~ 2085  
~~and Sandusky county~~, acting as the clerks of the Auglaize 2086  
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam 2087  
county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal courts and assuming the 2088  
duties of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from 2089  
the county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth 2090  
the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common 2091  
pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the 2092  
county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of 2093  
the Revised Code. 2094

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 2095  
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 2096  
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 2097  
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 2098

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 2099  
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 2100  
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 2101

Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs 2102  
in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 2103  
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 2104  
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 2105  
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 2106  
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 2107  
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 2108  
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 2109  
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 2110  
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 2111  
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 2112  
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 2113  
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 2114  
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 2115  
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 2116  
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 2117  
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 2118  
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 2119  
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 2120  
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 2121  
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 2122  
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 2123  
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 2124  
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 2125  
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 2126  
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 2127  
after the vacancy occurred. 2128

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 2129  
county, the Brown county, the Holmes county, the Perry county, 2130  
the Putnam county, ~~the Sandusky county,~~ and the Lorain municipal 2131  
courts, for which the population of the territory is less than 2132

one hundred thousand, the clerk of the municipal court shall 2133  
receive the annual compensation that the presiding judge of the 2134  
court prescribes, if the revenue of the court for the preceding 2135  
calendar year, as certified by the auditor or chief fiscal 2136  
officer of the municipal corporation in which the court is 2137  
located or, in the case of a county-operated municipal court, 2138  
the county auditor, is equal to or greater than the 2139  
expenditures, including any debt charges, for the operation of 2140  
the court payable under this chapter from the city treasury or, 2141  
in the case of a county-operated municipal court, the county 2142  
treasury for that calendar year, as also certified by the 2143  
auditor or chief fiscal officer. If the revenue of a municipal 2144  
court, other than the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the 2145  
Columbiana county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, ~~the~~ 2146  
~~Sandusky county,~~ and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 2147  
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand 2148  
for the preceding calendar year as so certified is not equal to 2149  
or greater than those expenditures for the operation of the 2150  
court for that calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a 2151  
municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the 2152  
legislative authority prescribes. As used in this division, 2153  
"revenue" means the total of all costs and fees that are 2154  
collected and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated 2155  
municipal court, the county treasury by the clerk of the 2156  
municipal court under division (F) of this section and all 2157  
interest received and paid to the city treasury or, in a county- 2158  
operated municipal court, the county treasury in relation to the 2159  
costs and fees under division (G) of this section. 2160

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana 2161  
county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, 2162  
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 2163

population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 2164  
in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 2165  
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 2166  
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 2167

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 2168  
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 2169  
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 2170  
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 2171  
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 2172  
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 2173  
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 2174  
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 2175

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 2176  
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 2177  
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 2178  
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 2179  
duties. 2180

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 2181  
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 2182  
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 2183  
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 2184  
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 2185  
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 2186  
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 2187  
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 2188  
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 2189  
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 2190  
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 2191  
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 2192  
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 2193

or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 2194  
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 2195  
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 2196  
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 2197  
all times. 2198

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 2199  
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 2200  
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 2201  
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 2202  
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 2203  
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 2204  
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 2205  
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 2206  
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 2207  
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 2208  
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 2209  
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 2210  
entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 2211  
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 2212  
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 2213  
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 2214  
court. 2215

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 2216  
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 2217  
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 2218  
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 2219  
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 2220  
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 2221  
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 2222  
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 2223  
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 2224

specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 2225  
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 2226  
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 2227  
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 2228  
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 2229  
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 2230  
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 2231  
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 2232  
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 2233  
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 2234  
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 2235  
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 2236  
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 2237  
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 2238  
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 2239  
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 2240  
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 2241  
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 2242  
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 2243  
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 2244  
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 2245  
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 2246  
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 2247  
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 2248  
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 2249  
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 2250  
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 2251  
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 2252  
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 2253  
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 2254  
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 2255  
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 2256

clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 2257  
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 2258

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 2259  
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 2260  
deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 2261  
1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any 2262  
interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city 2263  
treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the 2264  
interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which 2265  
the court is located. 2266

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 2267  
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 2268  
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 2269  
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 2270  
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 2271  
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 2272  
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 2273  
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed that are for 2274  
restitution payments for crime victims shall be sent to the 2275  
reparations fund created under section 2743.191 of the Revised 2276  
Code, with a list from the clerk or other officer responsible 2277  
for the collection and distribution of restitution payments 2278  
specifying the amounts and individual identifying information of 2279  
the funds. All other moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 2280  
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 2281  
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 2282  
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 2283  
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 2284  
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 2285  
upon proper certification of the clerk. 2286

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 2287  
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 2288  
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 2289  
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 2290  
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 2291  
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 2292  
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 2293  
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 2294  
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 2295  
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 2296  
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 2297  
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 2298  
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 2299  
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 2300  
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 2301  
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 2302  
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 2303  
of the deputy clerk's duties. 2304

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 2305  
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 2306  
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 2307  
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 2308  
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 2309  
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 2310  
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 2311  
population of at least one hundred thousand. 2312

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 2313  
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 2314  
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 2315  
and receive verdicts. 2316



<b>Sec. 1907.11.</b> (A) Each county court district shall have	2317
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows:	2318
In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge	2319
shall be elected in 1982.	2320
In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge	2321
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be	2322
elected in 1982.	2323
In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge	2324
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993,	2325
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to	2326
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively.	2327
In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge	2328
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993,	2329
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to	2330
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively.	2331
Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court,	2332
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January	2333
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist.	2334
In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge	2335
shall be elected in 1982.	2336
In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge	2337
shall be elected in 1982.	2338
In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge	2339
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993,	2340
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to	2341
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively.	2342
In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge	2343
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993,	2344

and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2345  
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 2346  
1995, respectively. 2347

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 2348  
shall be elected in 1982. 2349

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 2350  
shall be elected in 1982. 2351

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 2352  
shall be elected in 1982. 2353

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 2354  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 2355  
elected in 1982. 2356

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 2357  
shall be elected in 1982. 2358

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 2359  
be elected in 1982. 2360

~~Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 2361  
court, two part time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2362  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 2363  
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 2364  
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 2365  
1, 2013. 2366~~

In the Sandusky county county court, one full-time judge 2367  
shall be elected in 2024, term to commence on January 2, 2025. 2368  
Effective January 2, 2025, notwithstanding division (A) (6) of 2369  
section 141.04 of the Revised Code and division (A) of section 2370  
1907.16 of the Revised Code, the full-time judge of the Sandusky 2371  
county county court under this section shall receive the 2372

<u>compensation set forth in division (A) (5) of section 141.04 of</u>	2373
<u>the Revised Code.</u>	2374
In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge	2375
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be	2376
elected in 1994.	2377
In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge	2378
shall be elected in 1982.	2379
In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge	2380
shall be elected in 1982.	2381
In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge	2382
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be	2383
elected in 1982.	2384
(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next	2385
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section	2386
1907.13 of the Revised Code.	2387
(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from,	2388
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled	2389
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as	2390
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code.	2391
<b>Sec. 2301.03.</b> (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the	2392
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953,	2393
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2,	2394
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors,	2395
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and	2396
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges	2397
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be	2398
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas,	2399
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers	2400
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151.	2401

and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 2402  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 2403  
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2404  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 2405  
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 2406  
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 2407  
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 2408  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2409  
subdivisions and departments. 2410

(B) In Hamilton county: 2411

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 2412  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 2413  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 2414  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2415  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2416  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 2417

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2418  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 2419  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 2420  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 2421  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2422  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 2423  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 2424  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 2425  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 2426  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 2427  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 2428  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 2429  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 2430  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2431

common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 2432  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 2433  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 2434  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 2435  
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 2436  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 2437  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2438  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 2439  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 2440  
year. 2441

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 2442  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 2443  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2444  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2445  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2446  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2447  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2448  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2449  
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 2450

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2451  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2452  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2453  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 2454  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 2455  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 2456  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2457  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2458  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 2459  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 2460  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 2461

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 2462  
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 2463  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 2464  
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 2465  
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 2466  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2467  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2468  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 2469  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 2470  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 2471  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 2472  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 2473  
division of domestic relations. 2474

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 2475  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 2476  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 2477  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 2478  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 2479  
relations. 2480

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 2481  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 2482  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 2483  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 2484  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 2485  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 2486  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 2487  
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 2488  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 2489  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 2490

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 2491

county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 2492  
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 2493  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. ~~The~~ 2494  
~~drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the~~ 2495  
~~drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After~~ 2496  
~~the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court~~ 2497  
~~judge has full authority over the case, including the authority~~ 2498  
~~to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and~~ 2499  
~~dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment~~ 2500  
~~is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.~~ 2501

~~A judge of the general division of the court of common~~ 2502  
~~pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county~~ 2503  
~~municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and~~ 2504  
~~any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria~~ 2505  
~~described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If~~ 2506  
~~the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the~~ 2507  
~~case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug~~ 2508  
~~court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria~~ 2509  
~~described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that~~ 2510  
~~involves a violation of a condition of a community control~~ 2511  
~~sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge~~ 2512  
~~accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court~~ 2513  
~~judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case.~~ 2514

~~A judge of the general division of the court of common~~ 2515  
~~pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county~~ 2516  
~~municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under~~ 2517  
~~division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that~~ 2518  
~~both of the following apply:—~~ 2519

~~(a) One of the following applies:—~~ 2520

~~(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in—~~ 2521

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

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

~~(b) All of the following apply:~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county  
prosecutor approves of the referral~~Eligibility for admission of  
a case into the drug court shall be set forth in a local rule  
adopted by the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The



local rule specifying eligibility shall not permit referral to 2550  
the drug court of a case that involves a felony of the first or 2551  
second degree, a violation of any prohibition contained in 2552  
Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code that is a felony of the third 2553  
degree, or a violation of section 2903.01 or 2903.02 of the 2554  
Revised Code. 2555

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 2556  
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 2557  
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 2558  
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 2559  
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 2560  
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 2561  
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 2562  
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 2563  
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 2564  
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 2565  
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 2566

~~(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community-~~ 2567  
~~control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail-~~ 2568  
~~term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the-~~ 2569  
~~Revised Code.~~ 2570

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 2571

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2572  
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 2573  
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 2574  
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 2575  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2576  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2577  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 2578  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 2579

of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 2580  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 2581  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 2582  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2583  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 2584  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 2585  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2586  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 2587  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2588  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 2589  
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 2590  
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 2591  
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2592  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2593  
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2594  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 2595  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2596  
other judge of the court of common pleas. 2597

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 2598  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2599  
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 2600  
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 2601  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 2602  
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 2603  
Code. 2604

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2605  
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 2606  
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 2607  
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 2608  
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2609  
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 2610

probate judge. 2611

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2612  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2613  
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 2614  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 2615  
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 2616  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2617  
relations. 2618

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2619  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2620  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 2621  
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2622  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2623  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2624  
relations. 2625

(D) In Lucas county: 2626

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2627  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 2628  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2629  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2630  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 2631  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2632  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2633  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 2634  
assigned to them. 2635

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2636  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 2637  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 2638  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 2639

the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 2640  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2641

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2642  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 2643  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2644  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2645  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 2646  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2647  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2648  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2649  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 2650  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2651  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 2652  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 2653  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 2654  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2655  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2656  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 2657  
in the discharge of their various duties. 2658

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 2659  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 2660  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 2661  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 2662  
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 2663  
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 2664  
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2665  
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 2666  
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 2667  
parties to an action pending in the division. 2668

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2669

division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2670  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2671  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 2672  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 2673  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 2674

(E) In Mahoning county: 2675

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2676  
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2677  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2678  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2679  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2680  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2681  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 2682  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 2683  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2684  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 2685  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 2686  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2687  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2688  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2689  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2690  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 2691  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 2692

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2693  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2694  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2695  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2696  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2697  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2698  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 2699

and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2700  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2701  
action pending in the division. 2702

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2703  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 2704  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2705  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2706  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2707  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2708  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2709  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 2710  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 2711  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2712  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2713  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2714  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2715  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2716  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2717  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 2718

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2719  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2720  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2721  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2722  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2723  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 2724  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2725  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2726  
action pending in the division. 2727

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2728  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2729

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 2730  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 2731  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 2732  
of common pleas. 2733

(F) In Montgomery county: 2734

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2735  
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 2736  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2737  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2738  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 2739  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2740  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 2741  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2742  
and annulment cases. 2743

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2744  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2745  
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 2746  
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 2747  
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2748  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2749  
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 2750  
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 2751  
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 2752  
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 2753  
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2754  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2755  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2756  
fix their duties. 2757

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2758  
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 2759

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2760  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2761  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 2762  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2763  
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 2764  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2765  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2766

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2767  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 2768  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2769  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2770  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2771  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 2772  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 2773  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2774  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2775  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2776  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2777  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2778  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2779  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2780  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2781  
the division. 2782

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2783  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2784  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2785  
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 2786  
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 2787  
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 2788  
of those divisions. 2789



(G) In Richland county:	2790
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support of any child if the request 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, or an action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all	2791 2792 2793 2794 2795 2796 2797 2798 2799 2800 2801 2802 2803 2804 2805 2806 2807 2808 2809 2810 2811 2812 2813 2814 2815 2816 2817 2818 2819 2820

post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 2821  
of those matters. 2822

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2823  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 2824  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2825  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 2826  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2827  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 2828  
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 2829  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 2830  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 2831  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 2832  
shall fix their duties. 2833

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2834  
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2835  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2836  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2837  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 2838  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2839  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2840  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2841  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2842  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2843  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2844  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 2845  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2846  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2847  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 2848  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 2849  
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 2850  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2851

assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2852  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2853

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2854  
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2855  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 2856  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2857  
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 2858  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2859  
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 2860  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2861

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 2862  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2863  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2864  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2865  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2866  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 2867  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 2868  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2869  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2870

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 2871  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 2872  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 2873  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2874  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2875  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 2876  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 2877  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 2878  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2879  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2880  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2881

separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 2882  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 2883  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 2884

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 2885  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 2886  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2887  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 2888  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 2889  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 2890

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 2891  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2892  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2893  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 2894  
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 2895  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 2896  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 2897  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 2898  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 2899  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 2900  
juvenile judge to serve. 2901

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 2902  
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 2903  
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 2904  
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 2905  
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 2906  
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 2907  
"the judge of the family court division." 2908

(I) In Summit county: 2909

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2910

begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 2911  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2912  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2913  
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 2914  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2915  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2916  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 2917  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2918  
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 2919  
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2920  
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 2921  
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 2922  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 2923  
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2924  
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 2925  
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 2926  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 2927  
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 2928  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2929

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2930  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2931  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 2932  
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 2933  
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 2934  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2935  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2936  
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 2937  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2938  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2939  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2940  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2941

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2942  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 2943  
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 2944  
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2945  
action pending in the division. 2946

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2947  
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2948  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2949  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2950  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 2951  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2952  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2953  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2954  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2955  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2956  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2957  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 2958  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 2959  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 2960  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 2961  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 2962  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2963  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2964  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2965

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 2966  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2967  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2968  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2969  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2970  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 2971  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2972

absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2973  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2974  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2975  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2976  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2977  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2978  
the division. 2979

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2980  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2981  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2982  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2983  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 2984  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2985  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2986  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2987  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2988  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 2989  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2990  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 2991  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2992  
court of common pleas. 2993

(K) In Butler county: 2994

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2995  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 2996  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2997  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2998  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 2999  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 3000  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 3001  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 3002

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3003  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 3004  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 3005  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 3006  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 3007  
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 3008  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 3009  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 3010  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 3011  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 3012  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 3013  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3014  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3015  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3016  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3017  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3018  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 3019  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 3020  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 3021  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 3022  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 3023  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3024  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 3025  
division. 3026

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 3027  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 3028  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3029  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 3030  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 3031  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3032  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 3033



any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3034  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3035  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3036

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 3037  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 3038  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3039  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3040  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 3041  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3042  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 3043  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 3044  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 3045  
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3046  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 3047  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 3048  
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 3049  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 3050  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 3051  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 3052  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 3053  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 3054  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 3055  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 3056  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 3057  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 3058  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 3059  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 3060  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 3061  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 3062  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 3063  
various duties. 3064

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 3065  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 3066  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 3067  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 3068  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3069  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 3070  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3071  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3072  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3073

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3074  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 3075  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 3076  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 3077  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 3078  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 3079

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 3080  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 3081  
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 3082  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3083  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3084  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 3085  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 3086  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 3087  
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3088  
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 3089  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 3090  
some special reason. 3091

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 3092  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 3093  
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 3094

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision;	3095 3096
(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.	3097 3098
(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation and annulment matters.	3099 3100 3101 3102
(M) In Lake county:	3103
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.	3104 3105 3106 3107 3108 3109 3110 3111 3112 3113 3114 3115 3116 3117
The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and	3118 3119 3120 3121 3122 3123

annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3124  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3125  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3126  
division, who request the services. 3127

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3128  
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 3129  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3130  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 3131  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 3132  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 3133  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 3134  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 3135  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3136  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3137  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3138  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3139  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3140  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3141  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3142  
the judge's various duties. 3143

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3144  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3145  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3146  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3147  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3148  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3149  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 3150  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 3151  
request the services. 3152

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3153

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 3154  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 3155  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 3156  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 3157  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 3158

(N) In Erie county: 3159

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3160  
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 3161  
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 3162  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3163  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3164  
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 3165  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 3166  
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 3167  
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 3168  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 3169  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 3170  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3171  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 3172  
other judge. 3173

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 3174  
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 3175  
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 3176  
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 3177  
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 3178  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 3179  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 3180

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3181  
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3182  
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 3183

term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 3184  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 3185  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 3186  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 3187  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 3188  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3189  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 3190  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3191  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3192

(0) In Greene county: 3193

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3194  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 3195  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3196  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3197  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 3198  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3199  
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 3200  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 3201  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 3202  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 3203  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3204  
court of common pleas. 3205

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3206  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3207  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 3208  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 3209  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3210  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 3211  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3212  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3213

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3214  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 3215  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 3216  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 3217  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 3218  
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 3219  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 3220  
general division of the court of common pleas. 3221

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3222  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 3223  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3224  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3225  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 3226  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3227  
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 3228  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3229  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 3230  
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3231  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3232  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3233  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3234  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3235  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3236  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3237  
the judge's various duties. 3238

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3239  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3240  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3241  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3242  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3243  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3244

that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 3245  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 3246  
request the services. 3247

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 3248  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 3249  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 3250  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 3251  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 3252  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 3253  
division. 3254

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 3255  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3256  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3257  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3258  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 3259  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3260  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3261  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3262  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3263  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3264  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3265  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3266  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3267  
domestic relations division. 3268

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3269  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3270  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3271  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3272  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3273  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3274



annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3275  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3276  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3277  
division, who request the services. 3278

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 3279  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3280  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3281  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3282  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 3283  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3284  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3285  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3286  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3287  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3288  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3289  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3290  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3291  
domestic relations division. 3292

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3293  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3294  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3295  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3296  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3297  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3298  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3299  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3300  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3301  
division, who request the services. 3302

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 3303  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 3304

have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3305  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3306  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 3307  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3308  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3309  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3310  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3311  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3312  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3313  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3314  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3315  
domestic relations division. 3316

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3317  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3318  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3319  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3320  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3321  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3322  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3323  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3324  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3325  
division, who request the services. 3326

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 3327  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 3328  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 3329  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 3330  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 3331  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 3332  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 3333  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3334  
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 3335

Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 3336  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3337  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3338  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3339  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 3340  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 3341  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 3342  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 3343  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 3344  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3345  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 3346

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 3347  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3348  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3349  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3350  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3351  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3352  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3353  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3354  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3355  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3356  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3357  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3358  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3359  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3360  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3361  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3362

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 3363  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 3364  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3365  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3366

judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 3367  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3368  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3369  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3370  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3371  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3372  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3373  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3374  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3375  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3376  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3377  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3378  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3379  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3380  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3381

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3382  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3383  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3384  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3385  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3386  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3387  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3388  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3389  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3390  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3391  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3392  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3393  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3394  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3395  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3396

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 3397

pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 3398  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3399  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3400  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 3401  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3402  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3403  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3404  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3405  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3406  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3407  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3408  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3409  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3410  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3411  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3412  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3413  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3414  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3415

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3416  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3417  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3418  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3419  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3420  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3421  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3422  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3423  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3424  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3425  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3426  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3427  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3428

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3429  
pending in the division, who request the services. 3430

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 3431  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3432  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3433  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3434  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 3435  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 3436  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3437  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3438  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3439  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3440  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3441  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3442  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3443  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3444  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3445  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3446  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 3447  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3448  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 3449  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3450  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 3451  
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 3452  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3453  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 3454  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 3455  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3456  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3457  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3458  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3459

action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3460  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3461  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3462  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 3463  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 3464

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 3465  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 3466  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 3467  
personnel of the division. 3468

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3469  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3470  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3471  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3472  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3473  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3474  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3475  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3476  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3477  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3478  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3479  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3480  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3481  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 3482  
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 3483  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 3484  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 3485  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 3486  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 3487  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 3488  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 3489  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 3490

ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3491  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 3492  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 3493  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 3494  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3495  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3496  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3497  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 3498  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 3499  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 3500

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 3501  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 3502  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3503  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3504  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 3505  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3506  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 3507  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 3508  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 3509  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3510  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 3511  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 3512  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 3513  
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 3514  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 3515  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 3516  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 3517  
and the judges of the general division. 3518

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 3519  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 3520  
children services board and the county advisory board. 3521



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

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

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3553  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3554  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3555  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3556  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3557  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3558  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3559  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3560  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3561  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3562  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3563  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3564  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3565  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3566  
pending in the division, who request the services. 3567

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 3568  
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 3569  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 3570  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 3571  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3572  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 3573  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 3574  
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 3575  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3576  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 3577  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 3578  
duties. 3579

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 3580  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 3581  
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3582  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3583

as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 3584  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 3585  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 3586  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 3587  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 3588  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 3589  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3590  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3591  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3592  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3593  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3594  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3595  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3596  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3597  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 3598  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 3599  
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 3600  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 3601  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 3602  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3603  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 3604  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 3605  
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3606  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3607  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3608  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3609  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3610  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 3611  
(Z) (1) of this section. 3612

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3613  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 3614

judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 3615  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 3616  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 3617  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 3618  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 3619  
pleas of Marion county. 3620

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 3621  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3622  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 3623  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 3624  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3625  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 3626  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 3627  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 3628  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 3629  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 3630  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 3631  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 3632  
common pleas of Marion county. 3633

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 3634  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3635  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3636  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3637  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 3638  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 3639  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3640  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3641  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3642  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3643  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3644  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3645

residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3646  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3647  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3648  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3649  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3650  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3651  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3652

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3653  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3654  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3655  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3656  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3657  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3658  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3659  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3660  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3661  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3662  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3663  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3664  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3665  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3666  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3667

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 3668  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3669  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3670  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3671  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 3672  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3673  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 3674  
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3675  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3676

proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 3677  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 3678  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3679  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3680  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3681  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3682  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3683  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3684  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3685  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3686  
the court of common pleas. 3687

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 3688  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 3689  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3690  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3691  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 3692  
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 3693  
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 3694  
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 3695  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3696  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3697  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3698  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3699  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3700  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3701  
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 3702  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3703  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3704  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3705  
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 3706  
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3707

January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 3708  
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 3709  
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3710  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 3711  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 3712  
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3713  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3714  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3715  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3716  
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 3717  
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 3718  
section. 3719

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 3720  
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 3721  
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 3722  
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 3723  
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 3724  
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 3725  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3726

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 3727  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 3728  
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 3729  
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 3730  
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 3731  
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 3732  
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 3733  
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 3734  
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 3735  
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 3736  
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 3737  
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3738

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 3739  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 3740  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 3741  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 3742  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3743  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3744  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 3745  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 3746  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 3747  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 3748  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3749  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3750  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3751  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3752  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3753  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3754  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3755  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3756  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3757  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 3758  
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 3759  
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3760  
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 3761  
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 3762  
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 3763  
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 3764  
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 3765  
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 3766  
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 3767  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 3768  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3769  
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 3770



section. 3771

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 3772  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3773  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 3774  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3775  
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 3776  
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3777  
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 3778  
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 3779  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3780  
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 3781  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 3782  
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 3783  
probate division. 3784

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 3785  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 3786  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3787  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3788  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 3789  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3790  
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 3791  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 3792  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 3793  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 3794  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3795  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 3796  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 3797  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 3798  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 3799  
of common pleas. 3800

(FF) In Hardin county: 3801

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3802  
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 3803  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3804  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3805  
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 3806  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3807  
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 3808  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 3809  
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 3810  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3811  
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3812  
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 3813  
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 3814  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3815  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3816  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3817  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3818  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3819  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3820  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3821  
the court of common pleas. 3822

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3823  
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 3824  
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 3825  
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 3826  
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 3827  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3828  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3829

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3830

domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 3831  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 3832  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 3833  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 3834  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 3835  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 3836  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 3837  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 3838

**Sec. 3794.09. Enforcement; Penalties.** 3839

(A) Upon the receipt of a first report that a proprietor 3840  
of a public place or place of employment or an individual has 3841  
violated any provision of this chapter, the department of health 3842  
or its designee shall investigate the report and, if it 3843  
concludes that there was a violation, issue a warning letter to 3844  
the proprietor or individual. 3845

(B) Upon a report of a second or subsequent violation of 3846  
any provision of this chapter by a proprietor of a public place 3847  
or place of employment or an individual, the department of 3848  
health or its designee shall investigate the report. If the 3849  
director of health or director's designee concludes, based on 3850  
all of the information before ~~him or her~~ the director or the 3851  
director's designee, that there was a violation, ~~he or she~~ the 3852  
director or the director's designee shall impose a civil fine 3853  
upon the proprietor or individual in accordance with the 3854  
schedule of fines required to be promulgated under section 3855  
3794.07 of ~~this chapter~~ the Revised Code. 3856

(C) Any proprietor or individual against whom a finding of 3857  
a violation is made under this chapter may appeal the finding ~~to~~ 3858  
~~the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Such appeal shall be~~ 3859  
~~governed by the provisions of~~ in accordance with section 119.12 3860

of the Revised Code. 3861

(D) The director of health may institute an action in the 3862  
court of common pleas seeking an order in equity against a 3863  
proprietor or individual that has repeatedly violated the 3864  
provisions of this chapter or fails to comply with its 3865  
provisions. 3866

**Sec. 3901.321.** (A) For the purposes of this section: 3867

(1) "Acquiring party" means any person by whom or on whose 3868  
behalf a merger or other acquisition of control is to be 3869  
effected. 3870

(2) "Domestic insurer" includes any person controlling a 3871  
domestic insurer unless the person, as determined by the 3872  
superintendent of insurance, is either directly or through its 3873  
affiliates primarily engaged in business other than the business 3874  
of insurance. 3875

(3) "Person" does not include any securities broker 3876  
holding, in the usual and customary broker's function, less than 3877  
twenty per cent of the voting securities of an insurance company 3878  
or of any person that controls an insurance company. 3879

(B) (1) Subject to compliance with division (B) (2) of this 3880  
section, no person other than the issuer shall do any of the 3881  
following if, as a result, the person would, directly or 3882  
indirectly, including by means of conversion or the exercise of 3883  
any right to acquire, be in control of a domestic insurer: 3884

(a) Make a tender offer for any voting security of a 3885  
domestic insurer; 3886

(b) Make a request or invitation for tenders of any voting 3887  
security of a domestic insurer; 3888

(c) Enter into any agreement to exchange securities of a domestic insurer;	3889 3890
(d) Seek to acquire or acquire, in the open market or otherwise, any voting security of a domestic insurer;	3891 3892
(e) Enter into an agreement to merge with, or otherwise to acquire control of, a domestic insurer.	3893 3894
(2) (a) No person shall engage in any transaction described in division (B) (1) of this section, unless all of the following conditions are met:	3895 3896 3897
(i) The person has filed with the superintendent of insurance a statement containing the information required by division (C) of this section;	3898 3899 3900
(ii) The person has sent the statement to the domestic insurer;	3901 3902
(iii) The offer, request, invitation, agreement, or acquisition has been approved by the superintendent in the manner provided in division (F) of this section.	3903 3904 3905
(b) The requirements of division (B) (2) (a) of this section shall be met at the time any offer, request, or invitation is made, or any agreement is entered into, or prior to the acquisition of the securities if no offer or agreement is involved.	3906 3907 3908 3909 3910
(3) Any controlling person of a domestic insurer seeking to divest its controlling interest in the domestic insurer shall file a confidential notice of its proposed divestiture with the superintendent at least thirty days prior to the cessation of control, and provide a copy of the confidential notice to the insurer. The superintendent may require the person seeking to	3911 3912 3913 3914 3915 3916

divest the controlling interest to file for and obtain approval 3917  
of the transaction. The information shall remain confidential 3918  
until the conclusion of the transaction unless the 3919  
superintendent, in the superintendent's discretion, determines 3920  
that the confidential treatment will interfere with enforcement 3921  
of this section. If the statement required by division (B) (2) of 3922  
this section is otherwise filed with the superintendent in 3923  
relation to all parties that acquire a controlling interest as a 3924  
result of the divestiture, this division shall not apply. 3925

(C) The statement required by division (B) (2) of this 3926  
section shall be made under oath or affirmation, and shall 3927  
contain all of the following information: 3928

(1) The name and address of each acquiring party; 3929

(2) If the acquiring party is an individual, the 3930  
individual's principal occupation and all offices and positions 3931  
held during the past five years, and any conviction of crimes 3932  
other than minor traffic violations during the past ten years; 3933

(3) If the acquiring party is not an individual, a report 3934  
of the nature of its business operations during the past five 3935  
years or for such lesser period as the acquiring party and any 3936  
of its predecessors shall have been in existence; an informative 3937  
description of the business intended to be done by the acquiring 3938  
party and the acquiring party's subsidiaries; and a list of all 3939  
individuals who are or who have been selected to become 3940  
directors or executive officers of the acquiring party, who 3941  
perform or will perform functions appropriate to such positions. 3942  
The list shall include for each individual the information 3943  
required by division (C) (2) of this section. 3944

(4) The source, nature, and amount of the consideration 3945

used or to be used in effecting the merger or other acquisition 3946  
of control, a description of any transaction in which funds were 3947  
or are to be obtained for any such purpose, including any pledge 3948  
of the domestic insurer's stock, or the stock of any of its 3949  
subsidiaries or controlling affiliates, and the identity of 3950  
persons furnishing such consideration; 3951

(5) Fully audited financial information as to the earnings 3952  
and financial condition of each acquiring party for its 3953  
preceding five fiscal years, or for such lesser period as the 3954  
acquiring party and any of its predecessors shall have been in 3955  
existence, and similar unaudited information as of a date not 3956  
earlier than ninety days prior to the filing of the statement; 3957

(6) Any plans or proposals which each acquiring party may 3958  
have to liquidate such domestic insurer, to sell its assets or 3959  
merge or consolidate it with any person, or to make any other 3960  
material change in its business or corporate structure or 3961  
management; 3962

(7) The number of shares of any security of such issuer or 3963  
such controlling person that each acquiring party proposes to 3964  
acquire, and the terms of the offer, request, invitation, 3965  
agreement, or acquisition, and a statement as to the method by 3966  
which the fairness of the proposal was determined; 3967

(8) The amount of each class of any security of such 3968  
issuer or such controlling person which is beneficially owned or 3969  
concerning which there is a right to acquire beneficial 3970  
ownership by each acquiring party; 3971

(9) A full description of any contracts, arrangements, or 3972  
understandings with respect to any security of such issuer or 3973  
such controlling person in which any acquiring party is 3974

involved, including but not limited to transfer of any of the securities, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of loans, guarantees against loss or guarantees of profits, division of losses or profits, or the giving or withholding of proxies. The description shall identify the persons with whom such contracts, arrangements, or understandings have been made.

(10) A description of the purchase of any security of such issuer or such controlling person during the year preceding the filing of the statement, by any acquiring party, including the dates of purchase, names of the purchasers, and consideration paid or agreed to be paid therefor;

(11) A description of any recommendations to purchase any security of such issuer or such controlling person made during the year preceding the filing of the statement, by any acquiring party, or by anyone based upon interviews or at the suggestion of the acquiring party;

(12) Copies of all tender offers for, requests, or invitations for tenders of, exchange offers for, and agreements to acquire or exchange any securities of such issuer or such controlling person, and, if distributed, of additional solicitation material relating thereto;

(13) The terms of any agreement, contract, or understanding made with or proposed to be made with any broker or dealer as to solicitation of securities of such issuer or such controlling person for tender, and the amount of any fees, commissions, or other compensation to be paid to brokers or dealers with regard thereto;

(14) With respect to proposed affiliations between



depository institutions or any affiliate thereof, within the 4004  
meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley 4005  
Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), and a domestic 4006  
insurer, the proposed effective date of the acquisition or 4007  
change of control; 4008

(15) An agreement by the person required to file the 4009  
statement required by division (B) of this section that the 4010  
person will provide the annual registration required by division 4011  
(K) of section 3901.33 of the Revised Code for so long as the 4012  
person has control of the domestic insurer; 4013

(16) An acknowledgment by the person required to file the 4014  
statement required by division (B) of this section that the 4015  
person and all subsidiaries within the person's control in the 4016  
insurance holding company system will provide information to the 4017  
superintendent upon request as necessary to evaluate enterprise 4018  
risk to the insurer; 4019

(17) Such additional information as the superintendent may 4020  
by rule prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the protection 4021  
of policyholders of the domestic insurer or in the public 4022  
interest. 4023

(D) (1) If the person required to file the statement 4024  
required by division (B) (2) of this section is a partnership, 4025  
limited partnership, syndicate, or other group, the 4026  
superintendent may require that the information required by 4027  
division (C) of this section be furnished with respect to each 4028  
partner of such partnership or limited partnership, each member 4029  
of such syndicate or group, and each person that controls such 4030  
partner or member. If any such partner, member, or person is a 4031  
corporation, or the person required to file the statement is a 4032  
corporation, the superintendent may require that the information 4033

required by division (C) of this section be furnished with 4034  
respect to the corporation, each officer and director of the 4035  
corporation, and each person that is directly or indirectly the 4036  
beneficial owner of more than ten per cent of the outstanding 4037  
voting securities of the corporation. 4038

(2) If any material change occurs in the facts set forth 4039  
in the statement required by division (B)(2) of this section, an 4040  
amendment setting forth such change, together with copies of all 4041  
documents and other material relevant to the change, shall be 4042  
filed with the superintendent by the person subject to division 4043  
(B)(2) of this section and sent to the domestic insurer within 4044  
two business days after such person learns of the occurrence of 4045  
the material change. 4046

(E) If any offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4047  
acquisition described in division (B)(1) of this section is 4048  
proposed to be made by means of a registration statement under 4049  
the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. 78a, or 4050  
in circumstances requiring the disclosure of similar information 4051  
under the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," 48 Stat. 881, 15 4052  
U.S.C.A. 78a, or under a state law requiring similar 4053  
registration or disclosure, the person required to file the 4054  
statement required by division (B)(2) of this section may use 4055  
such documents in furnishing the information required by that 4056  
statement. 4057

(F)(1) The superintendent shall approve any merger or 4058  
other acquisition of control described in division (B)(1) of 4059  
this section unless, after a public hearing, the superintendent 4060  
finds that any of the following apply: 4061

(a) After the change of control, the domestic insurer 4062  
would not be able to satisfy the requirements for the issuance 4063

of a license to write the line or lines of insurance for which 4064  
it is presently licensed; 4065

(b) The effect of the merger or other acquisition of 4066  
control would be substantially to lessen competition in 4067  
insurance in this state or tend to create a monopoly; 4068

(c) The financial condition of any acquiring party is such 4069  
as might jeopardize the financial stability of the domestic 4070  
insurer, or prejudice the interests of its policyholders; 4071

(d) The plans or proposals that the acquiring party has to 4072  
liquidate the domestic insurer, sell its assets, or consolidate 4073  
or merge it with any person, or to make any other material 4074  
change in its business or corporate structure or management, are 4075  
unfair and unreasonable to policyholders of the domestic insurer 4076  
and not in the public interest; 4077

(e) The competence, experience, and integrity of those 4078  
persons that would control the operation of the domestic insurer 4079  
are such that it would not be in the interest of policyholders 4080  
of the domestic insurer and of the public to permit the merger 4081  
or other acquisition of control; 4082

(f) The acquisition is likely to be hazardous or 4083  
prejudicial to the insurance-buying public. 4084

(2) (a) Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except for 4085  
section 119.09 of the Revised Code, applies to any hearing held 4086  
under division (F) (1) of this section, including the notice of 4087  
the hearing, the conduct of the hearing, the orders issued 4088  
pursuant to it, the review of the orders, and all other matters 4089  
relating to the holding of the hearing, but only to the extent 4090  
that Chapter 119. of the Revised Code is not inconsistent or in 4091  
conflict with this section. 4092

(b) The notice of a hearing required under this division 4093  
shall be transmitted by personal service, certified mail, e- 4094  
mail, or any other method designed to ensure and confirm receipt 4095  
of the notice, to the persons and addresses designated to 4096  
receive notices and correspondence in the information statement 4097  
filed under division (B)(2) of this section. Confirmation of 4098  
receipt of the notice, including electronic "Read Receipt" 4099  
confirmation, shall constitute evidence of compliance with the 4100  
requirement of this section. The notice of hearing shall include 4101  
the reasons for the proposed action and a statement informing 4102  
the acquiring party that the party is entitled to a hearing. The 4103  
notice also shall inform the acquiring party that at the hearing 4104  
the acquiring party may appear in person, by attorney, or by 4105  
such other representative as is permitted to practice before the 4106  
superintendent, or that the acquiring party may present its 4107  
position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the 4108  
hearing the acquiring party may present evidence and examine 4109  
witnesses appearing for and against the acquiring party. A copy 4110  
of the notice also shall be transmitted to attorneys or other 4111  
representatives of record representing the acquiring party. 4112

(c) The hearing shall be held at the offices of the 4113  
superintendent within ten calendar days, but not earlier than 4114  
seven calendar days, of the date of transmission of the notice 4115  
of hearing by any means, unless it is postponed or continued; 4116  
but in no event shall the hearing be held unless notice is 4117  
received at least three days prior to the hearing. The 4118  
superintendent may postpone or continue the hearing upon receipt 4119  
of a written request by an acquiring party, or upon the 4120  
superintendent's motion, provided, however, a hearing in 4121  
connection with a proposed change of control involving a 4122  
depository institution or any affiliate thereof, within the 4123

meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley 4124  
Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), and a domestic 4125  
insurer, may be postponed or continued only upon the request of 4126  
an acquiring party, or upon the superintendent's motion when the 4127  
acquiring party agrees in writing to extend the sixty-day period 4128  
provided for in section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act," 4129  
by a number of days equal to the number of days of such 4130  
postponement or continuance. 4131

(d) For the purpose of conducting any hearing held under 4132  
this section, the superintendent may require the attendance of 4133  
such witnesses and the production of such books, records, and 4134  
papers as the superintendent desires, and may take the 4135  
depositions of witnesses residing within or without the state in 4136  
the same manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of 4137  
depositions in civil actions in the court of common pleas, and 4138  
for that purpose the superintendent may, and upon the request of 4139  
an acquiring party shall, issue a subpoena for any witnesses or 4140  
a subpoena duces tecum to compel the production of any books, 4141  
records, or papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where 4142  
such witness resides or is found, which shall be served and 4143  
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 4144  
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 4145  
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 4146  
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 4147  
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. Fees and mileage shall be 4148  
paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 4149  
superintendent in the same manner as other expenses of the 4150  
superintendent are paid. In any case of disobedience or neglect 4151  
of any subpoena served on any person or the refusal of any 4152  
witness to testify in any matter regarding which the witness may 4153  
lawfully be interrogated, the court of common pleas of any 4154

county where such disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or 4155  
any judge thereof, on application by the superintendent, shall 4156  
compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in 4157  
the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena 4158  
issued from the court or a refusal to testify therein. 4159

In any hearing held under this section, a record of the 4160  
testimony, as provided by stenographic means or by use of audio 4161  
electronic recording devices, as determined by the 4162  
superintendent, and other evidence submitted shall be taken at 4163  
the expense of the superintendent. The record shall include all 4164  
of the testimony and other evidence, and rulings on the 4165  
admissibility thereof, presented at the hearing. 4166

The superintendent shall pass upon the admissibility of 4167  
evidence, but a party to the proceedings may at that time object 4168  
to the rulings of the superintendent, and if the superintendent 4169  
refuses to admit evidence, the party offering the evidence shall 4170  
proffer the evidence. The proffer shall be made a part of the 4171  
record of the hearing. 4172

In any hearing held under this section, the superintendent 4173  
may call any person to testify under oath as upon cross- 4174  
examination. The superintendent, or any one delegated by the 4175  
superintendent to conduct a hearing, may administer oaths or 4176  
affirmations. 4177

In any hearing under this section, the superintendent may 4178  
appoint a hearing officer to conduct the hearing; the hearing 4179  
officer has the same powers and authority in conducting the 4180  
hearing as is granted to the superintendent. The hearing officer 4181  
shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the state and 4182  
be possessed of any additional qualifications as the 4183  
superintendent requires. The hearing officer shall submit to the 4184

superintendent a written report setting forth the hearing 4185  
officer's finding of fact and conclusions of law and a 4186  
recommendation of the action to be taken by the superintendent. 4187  
A copy of the written report and recommendation shall, within 4188  
seven days of the date of filing thereof, be served upon the 4189  
acquiring party or the acquiring party's attorney or other 4190  
representative of record, by personal service, certified mail, 4191  
electronic mail, or any other method designed to ensure and 4192  
confirm receipt of the report. The acquiring party may, within 4193  
three days of receipt of the copy of the written report and 4194  
recommendation, file with the superintendent written objections 4195  
to the report and recommendation, which objections the 4196  
superintendent shall consider before approving, modifying, or 4197  
disapproving the recommendation. The superintendent may grant 4198  
extensions of time to the acquiring party within which to file 4199  
such objections. No recommendation of the hearing officer shall 4200  
be approved, modified, or disapproved by the superintendent 4201  
until after three days following the service of the report and 4202  
recommendation as provided in this section. The superintendent 4203  
may order additional testimony to be taken or permit the 4204  
introduction of further documentary evidence. The superintendent 4205  
may approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendation of the 4206  
hearing officer, and the order of the superintendent based on 4207  
the report, recommendation, transcript of testimony, and 4208  
evidence, or the objections of the acquiring party, and 4209  
additional testimony and evidence shall have the same effect as 4210  
if the hearing had been conducted by the superintendent. No such 4211  
recommendation is final until confirmed and approved by the 4212  
superintendent as indicated by the order entered in the record 4213  
of proceedings, and if the superintendent modifies or 4214  
disapproves the recommendations of the hearing officer, the 4215  
reasons for the modification or disapproval shall be included in 4216

the record of proceedings. 4217

After the order is entered, the superintendent shall 4218  
transmit in the manner and by any of the methods set forth in 4219  
division (F)(2)(b) of this section a certified copy of the order 4220  
and a statement of the time and method by which an appeal may be 4221  
perfected. A copy of the order shall be mailed to the attorneys 4222  
or other representatives of record representing the acquiring 4223  
party. 4224

(e) An order of disapproval issued by the superintendent 4225  
may be appealed to the court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ 4226  
in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code by filing 4227  
a notice of appeal with the superintendent and a copy of the 4228  
notice of appeal with the court, within fifteen calendar days 4229  
after the transmittal of the copy of the order of disapproval. 4230  
The notice of appeal shall set forth the order appealed from and 4231  
the grounds for appeal, in accordance with section 119.12 of the 4232  
Revised Code. 4233

(3) The superintendent may retain at the acquiring party's 4234  
expense any attorneys, actuaries, accountants, and other experts 4235  
not otherwise a part of the superintendent's staff as may be 4236  
reasonably necessary to assist the superintendent in reviewing 4237  
the proposed acquisition of control. 4238

(G) This section does not apply to either of the 4239  
following: 4240

(1) Any transaction that is subject to section 3921.14, or 4241  
sections 3925.27 to 3925.31, 3941.35 to 3941.46, or section 4242  
3953.19 of the Revised Code; 4243

(2) Any offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4244  
acquisition that the superintendent by order exempts from this 4245



section on either of the following bases: 4246

(a) It has not been made or entered into for the purpose 4247  
and does not have the effect of changing or influencing the 4248  
control of a domestic insurer; 4249

(b) It is not otherwise comprehended within the purposes 4250  
of this section. 4251

(H) Nothing in this section or in any other section of 4252  
Title XXXIX of the Revised Code shall be construed to impair the 4253  
authority of the attorney general to investigate or prosecute 4254  
actions under any state or federal antitrust law with respect to 4255  
any merger or other acquisition involving domestic insurers. 4256

(I) In connection with a proposed change of control 4257  
involving a depository institution or any affiliate thereof, 4258  
within the meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm- 4259  
Leach-Bliley Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), 4260  
and a domestic insurer, not later than sixty days after the date 4261  
of the notification of the proposed change in control submitted 4262  
pursuant to division (B)(2) of this section, the superintendent 4263  
shall make any determination that the person acquiring control 4264  
of the insurer shall maintain or restore the capital of the 4265  
insurer to the level required by the laws and regulations of 4266  
this state. 4267

**Sec. 3913.13.** Any policyholder adversely affected by an 4268  
order of the superintendent of insurance pursuant to division 4269  
(F) of section 3913.11 of the Revised Code, may appeal to the 4270  
court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ pursuant to section 4271  
119.12 of the Revised Code. 4272

**Sec. 3913.23.** Any policyholder adversely affected by an 4273  
order of the superintendent of insurance pursuant to division 4274

(F) of section 3913.21 of the Revised Code, may appeal to the 4275  
court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ pursuant to section 4276  
119.12 of the Revised Code. 4277

**Sec. 5101.35.** (A) As used in this section: 4278

(1) (a) "Agency" means the following entities that 4279  
administer a family services program: 4280

(i) The department of job and family services; 4281

(ii) A county department of job and family services; 4282

(iii) A public children services agency; 4283

(iv) A private or government entity administering, in 4284  
whole or in part, a family services program for or on behalf of 4285  
the department of job and family services or a county department 4286  
of job and family services or public children services agency. 4287

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the 4288  
department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized 4289  
by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical 4290  
assistance programs, "agency" includes the department of 4291  
medicaid. 4292

(2) "Appellant" means an applicant, participant, former 4293  
participant, recipient, or former recipient of a family services 4294  
program who is entitled by federal or state law to a hearing 4295  
regarding a decision or order of the agency that administers the 4296  
program. 4297

(3) (a) "Family services program" means all of the 4298  
following: 4299

(i) A Title IV-A program as defined in section 5101.80 of 4300  
the Revised Code; 4301

(ii) Programs that provide assistance under Chapter 5104. 4302  
of the Revised Code; 4303

(iii) Programs that provide assistance under section 4304  
5101.141, 5101.461, 5101.54, 5119.41, 5153.163, or 5153.165 of 4305  
the Revised Code; 4306

(iv) Title XX social services provided under section 4307  
5101.46 of the Revised Code, other than such services provided 4308  
by the department of mental health and addiction services, the 4309  
department of developmental disabilities, a board of alcohol, 4310  
drug addiction, and mental health services, or a county board of 4311  
developmental disabilities. 4312

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the 4313  
department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized 4314  
by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical 4315  
assistance programs, "family services program" includes medical 4316  
assistance programs. 4317

(4) "Medical assistance program" has the same meaning as 4318  
in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code. 4319

(B) Except as provided by divisions (G) and (H) of this 4320  
section, an appellant who appeals under federal or state law a 4321  
decision or order of an agency administering a family services 4322  
program shall, at the appellant's request, be granted a state 4323  
hearing by the department of job and family services. This state 4324  
hearing shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted 4325  
under this section. The state hearing shall be recorded, but 4326  
neither the recording nor a transcript of the recording shall be 4327  
part of the official record of the proceeding. Except as 4328  
provided in section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, a state hearing 4329  
decision is binding upon the agency and department, unless it is 4330

reversed or modified on appeal to the director of job and family services or a court of common pleas. 4331  
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(C) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, an appellant who disagrees with a state hearing decision may make an administrative appeal to the director of job and family services in accordance with rules adopted under this section. This administrative appeal does not require a hearing, but the director or the director's designee shall review the state hearing decision and previous administrative action and may affirm, modify, remand, or reverse the state hearing decision. An administrative appeal decision is the final decision of the department and, except as provided in section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, is binding upon the department and agency, unless it is reversed or modified on appeal to the court of common pleas. 4333  
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(D) An agency shall comply with a decision issued pursuant to division (B) or (C) of this section within the time limits established by rules adopted under this section. If a county department of job and family services or a public children services agency fails to comply within these time limits, the department may take action pursuant to section 5101.24 of the Revised Code. If another agency, other than the department of medicaid, fails to comply within the time limits, the department may force compliance by withholding funds due the agency or imposing another sanction established by rules adopted under this section. 4346  
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(E) An appellant who disagrees with an administrative appeal decision of the director of job and family services or the director's designee issued under division (C) of this section may appeal from the decision to the court of common 4357  
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pleas pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code. The appeal 4361  
shall be governed by section 119.12 of the Revised Code except 4362  
that: 4363

~~(1) The person may appeal to the court of common pleas of 4364  
the county in which the person resides, or to the court of 4365  
common pleas of Franklin county if the person does not reside in 4366  
this state. 4367~~

~~(2)~~ The person may apply to the court for designation as 4368  
an indigent and, if the court grants this application, the 4369  
appellant shall not be required to furnish the costs of the 4370  
appeal. 4371

~~(3)~~ (2) The appellant shall mail the notice of appeal to 4372  
the department of job and family services and file notice of 4373  
appeal with the court within thirty days after the department 4374  
mails the administrative appeal decision to the appellant. For 4375  
good cause shown, the court may extend the time for mailing and 4376  
filing notice of appeal, but such time shall not exceed six 4377  
months from the date the department mails the administrative 4378  
appeal decision. Filing notice of appeal with the court shall be 4379  
the only act necessary to vest jurisdiction in the court. 4380

~~(4)~~ (3) The department shall be required to file a 4381  
transcript of the testimony of the state hearing with the court 4382  
only if the court orders the department to file the transcript. 4383  
The court shall make such an order only if it finds that the 4384  
department and the appellant are unable to stipulate to the 4385  
facts of the case and that the transcript is essential to a 4386  
determination of the appeal. The department shall file the 4387  
transcript not later than thirty days after the day such an 4388  
order is issued. 4389

(F) The department of job and family services shall adopt 4390  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 4391  
implement this section, including rules governing the following: 4392

(1) State hearings under division (B) of this section. The 4393  
rules shall include provisions regarding notice of eligibility 4394  
termination and the opportunity of an appellant appealing a 4395  
decision or order of a county department of job and family 4396  
services to request a county conference with the county 4397  
department before the state hearing is held. 4398

(2) Administrative appeals under division (C) of this 4399  
section; 4400

(3) Time limits for complying with a decision issued under 4401  
division (B) or (C) of this section; 4402

(4) Sanctions that may be applied against an agency under 4403  
division (D) of this section. 4404

(G) The department of job and family services may adopt 4405  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 4406  
establishing an appeals process for an appellant who appeals a 4407  
decision or order regarding a Title IV-A program identified 4408  
under division (A) (4) (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 4409  
5101.80 of the Revised Code that is different from the appeals 4410  
process established by this section. The different appeals 4411  
process may include having a state agency that administers the 4412  
Title IV-A program pursuant to an interagency agreement entered 4413  
into under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code administer the 4414  
appeals process. 4415

(H) If an appellant receiving medicaid through a health 4416  
insuring corporation that holds a certificate of authority under 4417  
Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code is appealing a denial of 4418

medicaid services based on lack of medical necessity or other 4419  
clinical issues regarding coverage by the health insuring 4420  
corporation, the person hearing the appeal may order an 4421  
independent medical review if that person determines that a 4422  
review is necessary. The review shall be performed by a health 4423  
care professional with appropriate clinical expertise in 4424  
treating the recipient's condition or disease. The department 4425  
shall pay the costs associated with the review. 4426

A review ordered under this division shall be part of the 4427  
record of the hearing and shall be given appropriate evidentiary 4428  
consideration by the person hearing the appeal. 4429

(I) The requirements of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 4430  
apply to a state hearing or administrative appeal under this 4431  
section only to the extent, if any, specifically provided by 4432  
rules adopted under this section. 4433

**Sec. 5164.38.** (A) As used in this section: 4434

(1) "Party" has the same meaning as in division (G) of 4435  
section 119.01 of the Revised Code. 4436

(2) "Revalidate" means to approve a medicaid provider's 4437  
continued enrollment as a medicaid provider in accordance with 4438  
the revalidation process established in rules authorized by 4439  
section 5164.32 of the Revised Code. 4440

(B) This section does not apply to either of the 4441  
following: 4442

(1) Any action taken or decision made by the department of 4443  
medicaid with respect to entering into or refusing to enter into 4444  
a contract with a managed care organization pursuant to section 4445  
5167.10 of the Revised Code; 4446

(2) Any action taken by the department under division (D) 4447  
(2) of section 5124.60, division (D) (1) or (2) of section 4448  
5124.61, or sections 5165.60 to 5165.89 of the Revised Code. 4449

(C) Except as provided in division (E) of this section and 4450  
section 5164.58 of the Revised Code, the department shall do any 4451  
of the following by issuing an order pursuant to an adjudication 4452  
conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code: 4453

(1) Refuse to enter into a provider agreement with a 4454  
medicaid provider; 4455

(2) Refuse to revalidate a medicaid provider's provider 4456  
agreement; 4457

(3) Suspend or terminate a medicaid provider's provider 4458  
agreement; 4459

(4) Take any action based upon a final fiscal audit of a 4460  
medicaid provider. 4461

(D) Any party who is adversely affected by the issuance of 4462  
an adjudication order under division (C) of this section may 4463  
appeal to the court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ in 4464  
accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 4465

(E) The department is not required to comply with division 4466  
(C) (1), (2), or (3) of this section whenever any of the 4467  
following occur: 4468

(1) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid 4469  
provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain a 4470  
certification issued by an official, board, commission, 4471  
department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or 4472  
federal government other than the department of medicaid, and 4473  
the license, permit, certificate, or certification has been 4474



denied, revoked, not renewed, suspended, or otherwise limited. 4475

(2) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid 4476  
provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain 4477  
certification issued by an official, board, commission, 4478  
department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or 4479  
federal government other than the department of medicaid, and 4480  
the provider has not obtained the license, permit, certificate, 4481  
or certification. 4482

(3) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4483  
agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is 4484  
terminated or not revalidated, because of or pursuant to any of 4485  
the following: 4486

(a) The termination, refusal to renew, or denial of a 4487  
license, permit, certificate, or certification by an official, 4488  
board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency 4489  
of this state other than the department of medicaid, 4490  
notwithstanding the fact that the provider may hold a license, 4491  
permit, certificate, or certification from an official, board, 4492  
commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of 4493  
another state; 4494

(b) Division (D) or (E) of section 5164.35 of the Revised 4495  
Code; 4496

(c) The provider's termination, suspension, or exclusion 4497  
from the medicare program or from another state's medicaid 4498  
program and, in either case, the termination, suspension, or 4499  
exclusion is binding on the provider's participation in the 4500  
medicaid program in this state; 4501

(d) The provider's pleading guilty to or being convicted 4502  
of a criminal activity materially related to either the medicare 4503

or medicaid program; 4504

(e) The provider or its owner, officer, authorized agent, 4505  
associate, manager, or employee having been convicted of one of 4506  
the offenses that caused the provider's provider agreement to be 4507  
suspended pursuant to section 5164.36 of the Revised Code; 4508

(f) The provider's failure to provide the department the 4509  
national provider identifier assigned the provider by the 4510  
national provider system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 162.408. 4511

(4) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4512  
agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is 4513  
terminated or suspended, as a result of action by the United 4514  
States department of health and human services and that action 4515  
is binding on the provider's medicaid participation. 4516

(5) The medicaid provider's provider agreement and 4517  
medicaid payments to the provider are suspended under section 4518  
5164.36 or 5164.37 of the Revised Code. 4519

(6) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4520  
agreement is denied because the provider's application was not 4521  
complete; 4522

(7) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is 4523  
converted under section 5164.32 of the Revised Code from a 4524  
provider agreement that is not time-limited to a provider 4525  
agreement that is time-limited. 4526

(8) Unless the medicaid provider is a nursing facility or 4527  
ICF/IID, the provider's provider agreement is not revalidated 4528  
pursuant to division (B) (1) of section 5164.32 of the Revised 4529  
Code. 4530

(9) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is 4531

suspended, terminated, or not revalidated because of either of 4532  
the following: 4533

(a) Any reason authorized or required by one or more of 4534  
the following: 42 C.F.R. 455.106, 455.23, 455.416, 455.434, or 4535  
455.450; 4536

(b) The provider has not billed or otherwise submitted a 4537  
medicaid claim for two years or longer. 4538

(F) In the case of a medicaid provider described in 4539  
division (E) (3) (f), (6), (7), or (9) (b) of this section, the 4540  
department may take its action by sending a notice explaining 4541  
the action to the provider. The notice shall be sent to the 4542  
medicaid provider's address on record with the department. The 4543  
notice may be sent by regular mail. 4544

(G) The department may withhold payments for medicaid 4545  
services rendered by a medicaid provider during the pendency of 4546  
proceedings initiated under division (C) (1), (2), or (3) of this 4547  
section. If the proceedings are initiated under division (C) (4) 4548  
of this section, the department may withhold payments only to 4549  
the extent that they equal amounts determined in a final fiscal 4550  
audit as being due the state. This division does not apply if 4551  
the department fails to comply with section 119.07 of the 4552  
Revised Code, requests a continuance of the hearing, or does not 4553  
issue a decision within thirty days after the hearing is 4554  
completed. This division does not apply to nursing facilities 4555  
and ICFs/IID. 4556

**Section 2.** That existing sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 4557  
956.11, 956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 1901.08, 4558  
1901.31, 1907.11, 2301.03, 3794.09, 3901.321, 3913.13, 3913.23, 4559  
5101.35, and 5164.38 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4560

**Section 3.** (A) All cases arising in Perry Township in Wood County that are pending in the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, shall be adjudicated by the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court. All cases arising in Perry Township in Wood County on or after January 2, 2024, shall be brought before the Bowling Green Municipal Court.

(B) All cases arising in Washington Township in Hancock County that are pending in the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, shall be adjudicated by the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court. All cases arising in Washington Township in Hancock County on or after January 2, 2024, shall be brought before the Findlay Municipal Court.

(C) All cases that are pending in the Tenth District Court of Appeals on the effective date of this section and that were appropriately filed in that court shall be adjudicated by the Tenth District Court of Appeals. All cases that, prior to the effective date of this section, would have been solely within the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, and that on the effective date of this section are pending in a common pleas court that is an appropriate venue and are not pending in the Tenth District Court of Appeals, shall be adjudicated by that court of common pleas and shall remain solely within the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, on and after the effective date of this section.

(D) If, on or after the effective date of this section, a court of appeals other than the Tenth District Court of Appeals or a court of common pleas within the territory of a court of

appeals other than the Tenth District Court of Appeals is 4591  
considering any matter that, prior to the effective date of this 4592  
section, would have been solely within the jurisdiction on 4593  
appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, all of the 4594  
following apply: 4595

(1) The court of appeals or court of common pleas 4596  
considering the matter may consider judicial decisions of the 4597  
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and the Tenth District 4598  
Court of Appeals that were decided prior to the effective date 4599  
of this section in deciding the matter. 4600

(2) The judicial decisions of the Franklin County Court of 4601  
Common Pleas and the Tenth District Court of Appeals that were 4602  
decided prior to the effective date of this section are not 4603  
binding on the court of appeals or court of common pleas 4604  
considering the matter. 4605

(3) The court of appeals or court of common pleas 4606  
considering the matter is not required to issue any findings of 4607  
fact explaining why the court, in deciding the matter, did not 4608  
consider or follow any precedent on the matter set forth in any 4609  
judicial decision of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas 4610  
or the Tenth District Court of Appeals. 4611

**Section 4.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 4612  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4613  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4614  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4615  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4616  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4617  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4618  
as presented in this act: 4619

Section 119.12 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B.	4620
52 and H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.	4621
Section 1901.31 of the Revised Code as amended by both	4622
H.B. 343 and H.B. 518 of the 134th General Assembly.	4623