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A BILL

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the 1
Revised Code to add two judges to the Domestic 2
Relations Division of the Franklin County Court 3
of Common Pleas to be elected in 2018. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the 5
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 7
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 8
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 9
shall be as follows: 10

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 11
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 12

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 13
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 14
term to begin February 9, 1955; 15

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 16
to begin January 9, 1957; 17

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 18

Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 19
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 20
begin January 1, 1957; 21

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 22
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 23
term to begin January 1, 2007; 24

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 25
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 26
term to begin January 2, 2005; 27

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 28
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 29
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 30

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 31
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 32
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 33

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 34
in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 35

In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 36
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term 37
to begin January 1, 2005; 38

In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 39
to begin May 9, 1957; 40

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to 41
begin May 14, 1953; 42

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to 43
begin July 6, 1956; 44

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 45

term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, 46
term to begin January 1, 1979. 47

(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 48
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected 49
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be 50
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 51

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 52
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, 53
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, 54
term to begin January 2, 1979; 55

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 56
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, 57
term to begin July 1, 1991; 58

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 59
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, 60
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 61
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 62
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 63

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 64
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 65
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 66
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 67

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 68
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 69
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 70

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 71
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 72
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 73
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be 74

elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 75

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 76
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 77
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 78

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 79
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 80
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 81

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 82
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 83
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 84
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 85

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 86
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 87
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 88
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 89

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 90
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, 91
term to begin on January 1, 1971; 92

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 93
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, 94
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, 95
term to begin January 2, 2003; 96

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 97
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 98
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 99
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 100

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 101
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 102

1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 103

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 104
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 105
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 106
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 107

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 108
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 109
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 110

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 111
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 112
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 113
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be 114
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 115

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 116
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 117
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 118

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 119
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 120
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected 121
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991; 122

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be 123
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 124
1955, respectively; 125

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 126
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 127
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 128
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 129
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 130

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 131
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 132
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 133
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 134
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected 135
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 136

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 137
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 138
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 139

In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in 140
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 141
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 142
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 143

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 144
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 145
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 146
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 147
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 148
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 149
begin January 6, 2001; 150

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 151
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 152
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 153
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 154
begin January 1, 2005; 155

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 156
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 157
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 158
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 159

1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 160
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 161
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 162
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 163
January 6, 2007; 164

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 165
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 166
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 167
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 168
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 169
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 170
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 171
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 172
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 173
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 174

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 175
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 176
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 177
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 178
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 179

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 180
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 181
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 182

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 183
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 184
term to begin January 2, 1969; 185

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 186
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 187
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 188

term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 189
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 190
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 191
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 192

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 193
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 194
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 195
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 196
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 197
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 198
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 199
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 200
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 201
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 202
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 203
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 204
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 205
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 206
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 207
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 208
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 209
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 210
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 211

In Franklin county, ~~twenty-two~~twenty-four judges; two to 212
be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 213
9, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to 214
begin January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 215
1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three 216
to be elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to 217
January 7, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 218
successive days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; 219

one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to 220
be elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 221
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 222
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 223
2, 1997; ~~and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1,~~ 224
2005; and two to be elected in 2018, terms to begin January 9, 225
2019, and January 10, 2019, respectively; 226

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 227
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 228
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 229
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 230
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 231
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 232
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 233
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 234
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 235
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 236
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 237
1997, respectively; 238

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 239
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 240
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 241
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 242
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 243
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 244
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 245
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 246
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 247
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 248
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 249
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 250

begin January 2, 1993; 251

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 252
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 253
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 254
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 255
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 256
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 257
July 1, 1991; 258

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 259
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 260
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 261
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 262
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 263
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 264
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 265
successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 266
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 267
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 268
begin January 1, 1993; 269

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 270
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 271
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 272
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 273
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 274
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 275
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 276
respectively; 277

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 278
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 279
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 280

in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 281
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 282
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 283
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 284
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 285
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 286
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 287

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 288
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 289
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 290
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 291
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 292
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 293
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 294
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 295
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 296
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 297
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 298
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 299
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 300
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 301
be reduced. 302

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 303
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 304
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 305
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 306
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 307
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 308
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 309
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 310
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 311

shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 312
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 313
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 314
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 315
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 316
probate division. 317

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 318
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 319
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, ~~and~~ January 320
2, 1997, January 9, 2019, and January 10, 2019, and successors, 321
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 322
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 323
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 324
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 325
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 326
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 327
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 328
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 329
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 330
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 331
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 332
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 333
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 334
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 335
subdivisions and departments. 336

(B) In Hamilton county: 337

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 338
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 339
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 340
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 341

Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 342
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 343

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 344
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 345
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 346
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 347
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 348
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 349
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 350
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 351
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 352
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 353
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 354
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 355
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 356
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 357
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 358
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 359
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 360
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 361
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 362
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 363
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 364
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 365
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 366
year. 367

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 368
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 369
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 370
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 371
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 372

division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 373
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 374
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 375
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 376

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 377
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 378
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 379
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 380
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 381
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 382
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 383
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 384
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 385
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 386
are parties to an action pending in the division. 387

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 388
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 389
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 390
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 391
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 392
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 393
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 394
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 395
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 396
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 397
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 398
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 399
division of domestic relations. 400

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 401
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 402

treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 403
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 404
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 405
relations. 406

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 407
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 408
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 409
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 410
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 411
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 412
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 413
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 414
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 415
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 416

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 417
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 418
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 419
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 420
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 421
drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 422
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 423
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 424
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 425
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 426
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 427

A judge of the general division of the court of common 428
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 429
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 430
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 431
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 432

the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 433
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 434
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 435
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 436
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 437
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 438
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 439
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 440

A judge of the general division of the court of common 441
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 442
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 443
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 444
both of the following apply: 445

(a) One of the following applies: 446

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 447
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 448
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 449
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 450
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 451

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 452
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 453
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 454
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 455
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 456
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 457
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 458
treatment. 459

(b) All of the following apply: 460

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 461

control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 462
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 463
to be imposed. 464

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 465

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 466

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 467
drug or alcohol driven. 468

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 469
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 470

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 471

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 472
prosecutor approves of the referral. 473

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 474
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 475
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 476
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 477
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 478
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 479
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 480
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 481
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 482
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 483
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 484

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 485
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 486
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 487
Revised Code. 488

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 489

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 490
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 491
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 492
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 493
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 494
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 495
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 496
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 497
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 498
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 499
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 500
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 501
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 502
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 503
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 504
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 505
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 506
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 507
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 508
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 509
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 510
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 511
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 512
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 513
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 514
other judge of the court of common pleas. 515

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 516
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 517
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 518
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 519
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 520

court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 521
Code. 522

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 523
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 524
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 525
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 526
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 527
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 528
probate judge. 529

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 530
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 531
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 532
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 533
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 534
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 535
relations. 536

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 537
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 538
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 539
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 540
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 541
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 542
relations. 543

(D) In Lucas county: 544

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 545
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 546
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 547
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 548
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 549

elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 550
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 551
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 552
assigned to them. 553

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 554
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 555
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 556
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 557
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 558
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 559

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 560
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 561
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 562
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 563
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 564
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 565
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 566
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 567
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 568
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 569
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 570
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 571
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 572
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 573
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 574
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 575
in the discharge of their various duties. 576

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 577
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 578
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 579

vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 580
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 581
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 582
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 583
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 584
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 585
parties to an action pending in the division. 586

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 587
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 588
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 589
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 590
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 591
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 592

(E) In Mahoning county: 593

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 594
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 595
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 596
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 597
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 598
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 599
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 600
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 601
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 602
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 603
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 604
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 605
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 606
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 607
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 608
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 609

the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 610

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 611
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 612
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 613
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 614
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 615
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 616
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 617
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 618
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 619
action pending in the division. 620

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 621
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 622
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 623
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 624
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 625
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 626
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 627
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 628
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 629
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 630
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 631
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 632
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 633
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 634
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 635
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 636

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 637
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 638
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 639

personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 640
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 641
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 642
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 643
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 644
action pending in the division. 645

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 646
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 647
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 648
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 649
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 650
of common pleas. 651

(F) In Montgomery county: 652

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 653
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 654
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 655
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 656
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 657
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 658
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 659
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 660
and annulment cases. 661

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 662
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 663
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 664
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 665
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 666
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 667
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 668
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 669

service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 670
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 671
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 672
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 673
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 674
fix their duties. 675

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 676
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 677
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 678
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 679
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 680
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 681
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 682
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 683
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 684

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 685
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 686
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 687
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 688
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 689
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 690
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 691
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 692
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 693
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 694
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 695
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 696
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 697
conciliation services that are available upon request to 698
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 699
the division. 700

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 701
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 702
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 703
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 704
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 705
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 706
of those divisions. 707

(G) In Richland county: 708

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 709
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 710
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 711
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 712
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 713
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 714
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 715
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 716
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 717
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 718
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 719
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 720
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 721
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 722
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 723
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 724
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 725
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 726
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 727
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 728
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 729
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 730
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 731

assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 732
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 733
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 734
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 735
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 736
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 737
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 738
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 739
of those matters. 740

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 741
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 742
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 743
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 744
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 745
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 746
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 747
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 748
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 749
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 750
shall fix their duties. 751

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 752
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 753
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 754
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 755
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 756
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 757
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 758
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 759
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 760
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 761
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 762

shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 763
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 764
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 765
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 766
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 767
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 768
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 769
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 770
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 771

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 772
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 773
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 774
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 775
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 776
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 777
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 778
discharge of the judge's various duties. 779

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 780
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 781
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 782
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 783
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 784
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 785
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 786
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 787
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 788

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 789
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 790
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 791
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 792

receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 793
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 794
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 795
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 796
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 797
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 798
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 799
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 800
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 801
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 802

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 803
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 804
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 805
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 806
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 807
referees required for the judge's respective court. 808

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 809
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 810
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 811
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 812
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 813
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 814
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 815
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 816
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 817
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 818
juvenile judge to serve. 819

(4) On and after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 820
September 29, 2015, all references in law to "the division of 821
domestic relations," "the domestic relations division," "the 822

domestic relations court," "the judge of the division of 823
domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic relations 824
division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark county, as 825
being references to "the family court division" or "the judge of 826
the family court division." 827

(I) In Summit county: 828

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 829
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 830
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 831
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 832
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 833
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 834
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 835
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 836
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 837
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 838
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 839
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 840
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 841
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 842
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 843
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 844
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 845
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 846
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 847
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 848

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 849
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 850
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 851
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 852

of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 853
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 854
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 855
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 856
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 857
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 858
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 859
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 860
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 861
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 862
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 863
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 864
action pending in the division. 865

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 866
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 867
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 868
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 869
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 870
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 871
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 872
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 873
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 874
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 875
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 876
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 877
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 878
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 879
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 880
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 881
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 882
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 883

support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 884

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 885
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 886
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 887
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 888
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 889
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 890
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 891
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 892
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 893
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 894
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 895
conciliation services that are available upon request to 896
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 897
the division. 898

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 899
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 900
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 901
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 902
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 903
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 904
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 905
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 906
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 907
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 908
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 909
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 910
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 911
court of common pleas. 912

(K) In Butler county: 913

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 914
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 915
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 916
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 917
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 918
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 919
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 920
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 921
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 922
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 923
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 924
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 925
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 926
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 927
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 928
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 929
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 930
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 931
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 932
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 933
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 934
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 935
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 936
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 937
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 938
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 939
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 940
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 941
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 942
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 943
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 944
division. 945

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 946
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 947
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 948
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 949
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 950
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 951
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 952
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 953
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 954
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 955

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 956
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 957
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 958
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 959
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 960
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 961
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 962
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 963
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 964
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 965
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 966
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 967
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 968
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 969
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 970
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 971
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 972
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 973
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 974
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 975
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 976

juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 977
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 978
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 979
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 980
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 981
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 982
various duties. 983

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 984
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 985
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 986
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 987
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 988
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 989
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 990
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 991
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 992

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 993
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 994
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 995
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 996
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 997
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 998

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 999
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1000
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1001
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1002
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1003
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1004
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1005
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1006

all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1007
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1008
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1009
some special reason. 1010

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1011
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1012
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1013

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1014
supervision; 1015

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1016
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1017

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1018
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1019
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1020
legal separation and annulment matters. 1021

(M) In Lake county: 1022

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1023
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1024
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1025
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1026
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1027
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1028
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1029
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1030
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1031
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1032
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1033
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1034
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1035

division. 1036

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1037
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1038
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1039
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1040
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1041
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1042
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1043
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1044
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1045
division, who request the services. 1046

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1047
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1048
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1049
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1050
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1051
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1052
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1053
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1054
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1055
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1056
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1057
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1058
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1059
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1060
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1061
the judge's various duties. 1062

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1063
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1064
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1065

duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1066
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1067
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1068
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1069
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1070
request the services. 1071

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1072
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1073
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1074
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1075
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1076
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1077

(N) In Erie county: 1078

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1079
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1080
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1081
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1082
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1083
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1084
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1085
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1086
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1087
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1088
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1089
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1090
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1091
other judge. 1092

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1093
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1094
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1095

on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1096
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1097
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1098
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1099

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1100
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1101
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1102
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1103
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1104
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1105
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1106
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1107
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1108
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1109
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1110
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1111

(O) In Greene county: 1112

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1113
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1114
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1115
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1116
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1117
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1118
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1119
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1120
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1121
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1122
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1123
court of common pleas. 1124

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1125

division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1126
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1127
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1128
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1129
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1130
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1131
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1132
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1133
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1134
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1135
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1136
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1137
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1138
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1139
general division of the court of common pleas. 1140

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1141
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1142
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1143
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1144
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1145
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1146
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1147
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1148
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1149
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1150
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1151
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1152
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1153
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1154
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1155
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1156

the judge's various duties. 1157

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1158
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1159
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1160
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1161
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1162
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1163
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1164
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1165
request the services. 1166

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1167
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1168
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1169
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1170
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1171
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1172
division. 1173

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1174
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1175
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1176
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1177
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1178
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1179
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1180
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1181
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1182
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1183
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1184
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1185
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1186

domestic relations division. 1187

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1188
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1189
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1190
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1191
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1192
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1193
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1194
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1195
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1196
division, who request the services. 1197

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1198
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1199
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1200
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1201
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1202
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1203
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1204
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1205
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1206
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1207
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1208
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1209
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1210
domestic relations division. 1211

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1212
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1213
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1214
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1215
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1216

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1217
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1218
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1219
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1220
division, who request the services. 1221

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1222
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1223
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1224
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1225
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1226
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1227
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1228
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1229
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1230
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1231
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1232
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1233
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1234
domestic relations division. 1235

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1236
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1237
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1238
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1239
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1240
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1241
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1242
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1243
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1244
division, who request the services. 1245

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1246

pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1247
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1248
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1249
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1250
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1251
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1252
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1253
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1254
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1255
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1256
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1257
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1258
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1259
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1260
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1261
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1262
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1263
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1264
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1265

 The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1266
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1267
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1268
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1269
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1270
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1271
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1272
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1273
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1274
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1275
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1276
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1277

custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1278
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1279
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1280
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1281

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1282
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1283
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1284
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1285
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1286
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1287
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1288
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1289
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1290
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1291
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1292
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1293
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1294
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1295
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1296
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1297
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1298
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1299
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1300

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1301
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1302
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1303
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1304
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1305
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1306
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1307
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1308

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1309
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1310
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1311
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1312
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1313
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1314
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1315

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1316
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1317
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1318
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1319
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1320
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1321
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1322
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1323
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1324
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1325
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1326
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1327
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1328
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1329
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1330
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1331
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1332
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1333
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1334

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1335
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1336
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1337
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1338
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1339

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1340
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1341
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1342
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1343
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1344
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1345
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1346
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1347
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1348
pending in the division, who request the services. 1349

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

state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1371
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1372
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1373
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1374
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1375
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1376
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1377
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1378
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1379
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1380
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1381
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1382
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1383

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1384
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1385
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1386
personnel of the division. 1387

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1388
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1389
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1390
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1391
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1392
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1393
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1394
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1395
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1396
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1397
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1398
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1399
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1400
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1401

parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1402
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1403
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1404
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1405
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1406
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1407
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1408
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1409
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1410
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1411
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1412
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1413
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1414
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1415
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1416
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1417
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1418
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1419

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1420
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1421
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1422
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1423
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1424
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1425
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1426
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1427
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1428
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1429
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1430
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1431
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1432

support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1433
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1434
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1435
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1436
and the judges of the general division. 1437

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1438
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1439
children services board and the county advisory board. 1440

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1441
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1442
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1443
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1444
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1445
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1446
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1447
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1448
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1449
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1450
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1451
domestic relations of that court. 1452

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1453
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1454
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1455
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1456
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1457
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1458
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1459
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1460
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1461
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1462

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1463
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1464
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1465
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1466
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1467
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1468
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1469
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1470
the personnel of the division. 1471

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1472
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1473
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1474
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1475
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1476
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1477
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1478
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1479
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1480
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1481
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1482
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1483
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1484
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1485
pending in the division, who request the services. 1486

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1487
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1488
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1489
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1490
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1491
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1492
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1493

charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1494
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1495
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1496
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1497
duties. 1498

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

and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1525
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1526
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1527
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1528
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1529
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1530
(Z) (1) of this section. 1531

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1532
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1533
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1534
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1535
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1536
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1537
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1538
pleas of Marion county. 1539

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1540
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1541
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1542
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1543
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1544
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1545
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1546
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1547
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1548
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1549
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z) (2) of this 1550
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1551
common pleas of Marion county. 1552

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1553
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1554

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1555
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1556
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1557
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1558
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1559
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1560
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1561
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1562
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1563
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1564
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1565
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1566
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1567
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1568
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1569
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1570
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1571

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

an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1586

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1587
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1588
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1589
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1590
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1591
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1592
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1593
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1594
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1595
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1596
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1597
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1598
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1599
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1600
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1601
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1602
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1603
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1604
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1605
the court of common pleas. 1606

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1607
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1608
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1609
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1610
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1611
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1612
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1613
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1614
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1615
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1616

of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1617
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1618
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1619
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1620
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1621
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1622
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1623
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1624
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1625
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1626
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1627
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1628
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1629
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1630
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1631
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1632
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1633
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1634
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1635
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1636
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1637
(CC)(1) of this section. 1638

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1639
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1640
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who 1641
is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division 1642
of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 1643
of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the 1644
probate division and juvenile division of the court of common 1645
pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas 1646
who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code 1647

shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and 1648
files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1649

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1650
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1651
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1652
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1653
probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1654
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1655
probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations- 1656
juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all 1657
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1658
construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to 1659
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this 1660
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1661
common pleas of Logan county. 1662

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1663
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1664
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1665
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1666
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1667
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1668
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1669
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1670
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1671
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1672
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1673
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1674
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1675
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1676
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1677
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1678

for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1679
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1680
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1681
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1682
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1683
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1684
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1685
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1686
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1687
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1688
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1689
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1690
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1691
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1692
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1693
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1694
section. 1695

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1696
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1697
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1698
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1699
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1700
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1701
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1702
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1703
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1704
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1705
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1706
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1707
probate division. 1708

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1709

pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1710
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1711
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1712
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1713
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1714
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1715
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1716
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1717
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1718
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1719
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1720
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1721
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1722
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1723
of common pleas. 1724

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1725
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1726
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1727
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1728
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1729
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1730
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1731
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1732
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1733

Section 2. That existing sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of 1734
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1735

Section 3. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is 1736
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1737
by both Am. H.B. 11 and Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General 1738
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1739

division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments	1740
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous	1741
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of	1742
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section	1743
as presented in this act.	1744