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A BILL

To amend section 1907.15 of the Revised Code to 1
include Cross Creek Township as one of the 2
locations where the Jefferson County County 3
Court holds court. 4

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

Section 1. That section 1907.15 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 1907.15. (A) (1) In counties having more than one 7
county court judge, subject to division (A) (2) of this section, 8
the presiding judge of the county court may divide the county 9
court district into areas of separate jurisdiction and may 10
designate the location at which each judge shall hold court. 11
Except in county court districts exceeding one hundred twenty 12
thousand population, each area of separate jurisdiction shall be 13
made up of one or more townships. In assigning areas of separate 14
jurisdiction, the presiding judge shall make each area of 15
separate jurisdiction as equal in population and case load to 16
others in the district as is possible under existing conditions. 17

Whenever the territory of a county court district is 18
reduced by the territorial expansion of municipal court 19

jurisdiction, the presiding judge may redetermine areas of 20
separate jurisdiction and, if necessary, reassign areas so as to 21
make each area of separate jurisdiction as equal in population 22
and case load to others in the district as is possible under the 23
altered conditions. 24

In county court districts exceeding one hundred twenty 25
thousand population, subject to division (A) (2) of this section, 26
the presiding judge of the county court may assign more than one 27
county court judge to an area of separate jurisdiction. In any 28
county court district of that nature, subject to division (A) (2) 29
of this section, the presiding judge from time to time may 30
assign a judge from one area of separate jurisdiction to another 31
area of separate jurisdiction and redetermine and reassign areas 32
of separate jurisdiction. Upon that redetermination and 33
reassignment, the presiding judge shall consider, in addition to 34
population, the case load of each area of separate jurisdiction. 35

(2) The presiding judge of the county court of Jefferson 36
county shall determine areas of separate jurisdiction for the 37
judges of the Jefferson county county court in the manner 38
described in division (A) (1) of this section but subject to the 39
provisions of this division governing the location in which each 40
judge shall hold court. The judge of the Jefferson county county 41
court whose term commences January 1, 1993, and that judge's 42
successors, shall hold court in Wintersville or Cross Creek 43
township. The judge of the Jefferson county county court whose 44
term commences January 1, 1995, and that judge's successors, 45
shall hold court in Dillonvale. The judge of the Jefferson 46
county county court whose term commences January 2, 1995, and 47
that judge's successors, shall hold court in Toronto. 48

(3) In counties having only one county court judge, the 49

area of jurisdiction shall consist of the entire county court 50
district, and the county court judge, with the concurrence of 51
the board of county commissioners, shall designate the location 52
at which the judge shall hold court. 53

(B) The jurisdiction of each county court judge shall be 54
coextensive with the boundaries of the county court district. 55

Section 2. That existing section 1907.15 of the Revised 56
Code is hereby repealed. 57