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**A BILL**

To amend sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 2301.02, 1  
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to create a 2  
domestic relations division of the Delaware 3  
County Court of Common Pleas, to create a 4  
judgeship for that division, to require payments 5  
to retired assigned judges under certain 6  
specified circumstances, and to declare an 7  
emergency. 8

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

**Section 1.** That sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 2301.02, 9  
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 10

**Sec. 141.13.** (A) No fees in addition to the salaries and 11  
compensation provided in sections 141.01 to 141.12 of the 12  
Revised Code shall be allowed to any such officer. No additional 13  
remuneration shall be given any such officer under any other 14  
title than that by which the officer was elected or duly 15

appointed. Subject to ~~division~~divisions (B) and (C) of this 16  
section, the salaries provided in such sections shall be in full 17  
compensation for any services rendered by such officers and 18  
employees, payment of which is made from the state treasury. 19

(B) Division (A) of this section does not affect any right 20  
of a full-time municipal court judge, or a part-time judge of a 21  
municipal court of a territory having a population of more than 22  
fifty thousand, to compensation under divisions (B) (1) (a) and 23  
(2) of section 1901.11 of the Revised Code; to health, medical, 24  
hospital, dental, or surgical benefits coverage or other fringe 25  
benefits provided pursuant to Chapter 1901. of the Revised Code; 26  
or to compensation, fringe benefits, or expenses otherwise 27  
provided pursuant to that or any other chapter of the Revised 28  
Code. Division (A) of this section also does not affect any 29  
right of an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge as described 30  
in sections 1901.122 and 1901.123 of the Revised Code to 31  
compensation to which an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge 32  
is entitled under Chapter 1901. or section 141.16 of the Revised 33  
Code, or to any health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical 34  
benefits coverage, other fringe benefits or compensation, or 35  
expenses to which an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge may 36  
be entitled under that or any other chapter of the Revised Code. 37

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section or any 38  
other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, any retired 39  
assigned judge, as defined in section 141.16 of the Revised 40  
Code, is eligible for benefits granted under division (C) of 41  
section 141.16 of the Revised Code. 42

**Sec. 141.16.** (A) Any voluntarily retired judge, or any 43  
judge who is retired under Section 6 of Article IV, Ohio 44  
Constitution, may be assigned with ~~his~~ the judge's consent, by 45

the chief justice or acting chief justice of the supreme court, 46  
to active duty as a judge. While so serving, he the judge shall 47  
be paid, from money appropriated for this purpose, the 48  
established compensation for such office, computed on a per diem 49  
basis, in addition to any retirement benefits to which he the 50  
judge may be entitled. 51

(B) Annually, on the first day of August, the 52  
administrative director of the Ohio courts shall issue a billing 53  
to the county treasurer of any county to which such a judge is 54  
assigned for reimbursement of the county's portion of the 55  
compensation previously paid by the state for the twelve-month 56  
period preceding the last day of June. The county's portion of 57  
the compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the 58  
state which is proportional to the county's share of the total 59  
compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county 60  
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. 61

(C) (1) A retired assigned judge is eligible to receive a 62  
retired assigned judge payment if the retired assigned judge 63  
completes not less than one hundred hours of service in the 64  
preceding quarter as assigned by the chief justice or acting 65  
chief justice. The payment shall be seven hundred fifty dollars 66  
per quarter and shall be paid from money appropriated for this 67  
purpose. The payment is subject to any and all applicable taxes 68  
under local, state, and federal law. 69

(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section, 70  
the payment shall be paid within thirty days after the end of 71  
the quarter in which the one hundred hours is served. 72

(3) In the case of a county-operated municipal court, 73  
other municipal court, or county court to which a judge was 74  
assigned, payment shall be made within thirty days after receipt 75

of the quarterly request for reimbursement as required in 76  
division (B) of section 1901.123 of the Revised Code. 77

(D) Division (C) of this section does not affect any right 78  
of a retired assigned judge to receive any allowance, annuity, 79  
pension, or other benefit vested pursuant to Chapter 145. of the 80  
Revised Code or other eligible retirement system pursuant to 81  
Ohio law. 82

(E) As used in this section: 83

(1) "Retired assigned judge" is a judge that is described 84  
in division (A) of this section. 85

(2) "Quarter" is the preceding three-month period ending 86  
on the last day of the month of March, June, September, or 87  
December of each year. 88

**Sec. 2151.07.** The juvenile court is a court of record 89  
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 90  
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 91  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 92

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 93  
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 94  
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 95  
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 96  
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(EE)~~ 97  
(FF) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 98  
of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 99  
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 100  
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 101  
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 102  
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 103  
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 104

act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 105  
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 106  
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 107  
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 108

**Sec. 2301.02.** The number of judges of the court of common 109  
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 110  
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 111  
shall be as follows: 112

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 113  
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 114

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 115  
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 116  
term to begin February 9, 1955; 117

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 118  
to begin January 9, 1957; 119

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 120  
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 121  
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 122  
begin January 1, 1957; 123

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 124  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 125  
term to begin January 1, 2007; 126

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 127  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 128  
term to begin January 2, 2005; 129

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 130  
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 131  
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 132

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979.

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

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

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

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 161  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, 162  
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 163  
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 164  
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 165

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 166  
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 167  
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 168  
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 169

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 170  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 171  
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 172

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 173  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 174  
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 175  
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be 176  
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 177

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 178  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 179  
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 180

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 181  
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 182  
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 183

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 184  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 185  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 186  
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 187

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 188  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 189

term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	190
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	191
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	192
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	193
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	194
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	195
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	196
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	197
term to begin January 2, 2003;	198
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	199
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	200
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	201
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	202
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	203
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	204
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	205
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	206
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	207
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	208
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	209
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	210
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	211
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	212
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	213
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	214
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	215
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	216
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	217

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	218 219 220
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	221 222 223 224
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively;	225 226 227
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	228 229 230 231 232
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	233 234 235 236 237 238
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	239 240 241
In Delaware county, <del>two</del> <u>three</u> judges, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, <u>and the third to be elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;</u>	242 243 244 245
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958,	246

term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 247  
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 248  
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 249  
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 250  
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 251  
begin January 6, 2001; 252

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 253  
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 254  
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 255  
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 256  
begin January 1, 2005; 257

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 258  
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 259  
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 260  
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 261  
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 262  
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 263  
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 264  
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 265  
January 6, 2007; 266

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 267  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 268  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 269  
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 270  
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 271  
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 272  
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 273  
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 274  
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 275  
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 276

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 277  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 278  
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 279  
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 280  
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 281

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 282  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 283  
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 284

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 285  
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 286  
term to begin January 2, 1969; 287

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 288  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 289  
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 290  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 291  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 292  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 293  
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 294

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 295  
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 296  
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 297  
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 298  
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 299  
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 300  
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 301  
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 302  
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 303  
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 304  
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 305  
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 306

January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 307  
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 308  
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 309  
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 310  
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 311  
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 312  
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 313

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected 314  
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 315  
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 316  
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 317  
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 318  
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 319  
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 320  
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 321  
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 322  
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 323  
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 324  
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 325  
2, 1997; and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 326  
2005; 327

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 328  
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 329  
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 330  
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 331  
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 332  
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 333  
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 334  
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 335  
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 336  
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 337

elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4,  
1997, respectively;

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,  
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January  
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected  
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953,  
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January  
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4,  
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977,  
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982,  
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term  
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to  
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to  
begin January 2, 1993;

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

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected  
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and  
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms  
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and  
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to  
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin  
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on  
successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977;

two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;

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

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 2009, respectively.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created.

The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 398  
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 399  
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 400  
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 401  
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 402  
be reduced. 403

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 404  
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 405  
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 406  
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 407  
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 408  
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 409  
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 410  
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 411  
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 412  
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 413  
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 414  
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 415  
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 416  
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 417  
probate division. 418

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 419  
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 420  
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 421  
2, 1997, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 422  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 423  
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 424  
Franklin county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 425  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 426  
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 427  
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 428

parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code 429  
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 430  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 431  
shall be assigned to them. In addition to the judge's regular 432  
duties, the judge who is senior in point of service shall serve 433  
on the children services board and the county advisory board and 434  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 435  
and its subdivisions and departments. 436

(B) In Hamilton county: 437

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 438  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 439  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 440  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 441  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 442  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 443

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 444  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 445  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 446  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 447  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 448  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 449  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 450  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 451  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 452  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 453  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 454  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 455  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 456  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 457  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 458

one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 459  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 460  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 461  
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 462  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 463  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 464  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 465  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 466  
year. 467

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 468  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 469  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 470  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 471  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 472  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 473  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 474  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 475  
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 476

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 477  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 478  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 479  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 480  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 481  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 482  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 483  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 484  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 485  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 486  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 487

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 488

sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 489  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 490  
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 491  
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 492  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 493  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 494  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 495  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 496  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 497  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 498  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 499  
division of domestic relations. 500

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 501  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 502  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 503  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 504  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 505  
relations. 506

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 507  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 508  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 509  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 510  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 511  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 512  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 513  
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 514  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 515  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 516

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 517  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 518

to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 519  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 520  
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 521  
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 522  
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 523  
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 524  
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 525  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 526  
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 527

A judge of the general division of the court of common 528  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 529  
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 530  
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 531  
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 532  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 533  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 534  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 535  
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 536  
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 537  
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 538  
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 539  
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 540

A judge of the general division of the court of common 541  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 542  
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 543  
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 544  
both of the following apply: 545

(a) One of the following applies: 546

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 547  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 548

third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 549  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 550  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 551

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 552  
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 553  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 554  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 555  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 556  
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 557  
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 558  
treatment. 559

(b) All of the following apply: 560

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 561  
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 562  
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 563  
to be imposed. 564

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 565

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 566

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 567  
drug or alcohol driven. 568

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 569  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 570

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 571

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 572  
prosecutor approves of the referral. 573

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 574  
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 575

pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 576  
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 577  
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 578  
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 579  
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 580  
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 581  
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 582  
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 583  
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 584

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 585  
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 586  
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 587  
Revised Code. 588

(C)(1) In Lorain county: 589

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 590  
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 591  
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 592  
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 593  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 594  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 595  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 596  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 597  
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 598  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 599  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 600  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 601  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 602  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 603  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 604  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 605

reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 606  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 607  
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 608  
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 609  
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 610  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 611  
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 612  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 613  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 614  
other judge of the court of common pleas. 615

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 616  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 617  
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 618  
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 619  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 620  
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 621  
Code. 622

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 623  
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 624  
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 625  
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 626  
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 627  
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 628  
probate judge. 629

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 630  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 631  
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 632  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 633  
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 634  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 635

relations. 636

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 637  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 638  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 639  
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 640  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 641  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 642  
relations. 643

(D) In Lucas county: 644

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 645  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 646  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 647  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 648  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 649  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 650  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 651  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 652  
assigned to them. 653

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 654  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 655  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 656  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 657  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 658  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 659

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 660  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 661  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 662  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 663  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 664

and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 665  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 666  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 667  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 668  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 669  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 670  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 671  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 672  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 673  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 674  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 675  
in the discharge of their various duties. 676

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 677  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 678  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 679  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 680  
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 681  
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 682  
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 683  
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 684  
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 685  
parties to an action pending in the division. 686

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 687  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 688  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 689  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 690  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 691  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 692

(E) In Mahoning county: 693

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 694

began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 695  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 696  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 697  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 698  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 699  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 700  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 701  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 702  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 703  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 704  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 705  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 706  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 707  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 708  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 709  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 710

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 711  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 712  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 713  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 714  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 715  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 716  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 717  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 718  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 719  
action pending in the division. 720

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 721  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 722  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 723  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 724  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 725

as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 726  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 727  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 728  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 729  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 730  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 731  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 732  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 733  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 734  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 735  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 736

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 737  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 738  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 739  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 740  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 741  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 742  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 743  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 744  
action pending in the division. 745

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 746  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 747  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 748  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 749  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 750  
of common pleas. 751

(F) In Montgomery county: 752

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 753  
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 754  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 755

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 756  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 757  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 758  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 759  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 760  
and annulment cases. 761

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 762  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 763  
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 764  
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 765  
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 766  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 767  
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 768  
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 769  
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 770  
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 771  
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 772  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 773  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 774  
fix their duties. 775

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 776  
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 777  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 778  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 779  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 780  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 781  
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 782  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 783  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 784

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 785

the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 786  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 787  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 788  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 789  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 790  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 791  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 792  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 793  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 794  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 795  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 796  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 797  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 798  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 799  
the division. 800

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 801  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 802  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 803  
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 804  
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 805  
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 806  
of those divisions. 807

(G) In Richland county: 808

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 809  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 810  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 811  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 812  
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 813  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 814  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 815

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 816  
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 817  
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 818  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 819  
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 820  
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 821  
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 822  
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 823  
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 824  
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 825  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 826  
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 827  
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 828  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 829  
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 830  
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 831  
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 832  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 833  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 834  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 835  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 836  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 837  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 838  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 839  
of those matters. 840

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 841  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 842  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 843  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 844  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 845  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 846

considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 847  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 848  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 849  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 850  
shall fix their duties. 851

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 852  
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 853  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 854  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 855  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 856  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 857  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 858  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 859  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 860  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 861  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 862  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 863  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 864  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 865  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 866  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 867  
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 868  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 869  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 870  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 871

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 872  
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 873  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 874  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 875  
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 876  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 877

any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 878  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 879

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 880  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 881  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 882  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 883  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 884  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 885  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 886  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 887  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 888

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 889  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 890  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 891  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 892  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 893  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 894  
as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 895  
relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 896  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 897  
Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile 898  
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of 899  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases 900  
that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 901  
pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 902

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second 903  
most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 904  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 905  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 906  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 907

and necessary referees required for the judge's respective 908  
court. 909

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 910  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 911  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 912  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 913  
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 914  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 915  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 916  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 917  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 918  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 919  
juvenile judge to serve. 920

(I) In Summit county: 921

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 922  
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 923  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 924  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 925  
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 926  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 927  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 928  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 929  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 930  
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 931  
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 932  
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 933  
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 934  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 935  
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 936  
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 937

to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile

division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 969  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 970  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 971  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 972  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 973  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 974  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 975  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 976  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 977

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 978  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 979  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 980  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 981  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 982  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 983  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 984  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 985  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 986  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 987  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 988  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 989  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 990  
the division. 991

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 992  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 993  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 994  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 995  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 996  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 997  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 998  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 999

Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1000  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1001  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1002  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1003  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1004  
court of common pleas. 1005

(K) In Butler county: 1006

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1007  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1008  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1009  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1010  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1011  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1012  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1013  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1014  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1015  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1016  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1017  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1018  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1019  
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1020  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1021  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1022  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1023  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1024  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1025  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1026  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1027  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1028  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1029  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1030

juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1031  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1032  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1033  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1034  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1035  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1036  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1037  
division. 1038

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1039  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1040  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1041  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1042  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1043  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1044  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1045  
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1046  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1047  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1048

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1049  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1050  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1051  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1052  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1053  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1054  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1055  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1056  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1057  
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1058  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1059  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1060  
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1061

certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1062  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1063  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1064  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1065  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1066  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1067  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1068  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1069  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1070  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1071  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1072  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1073  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1074  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1075  
various duties. 1076

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1077  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1078  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1079  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1080  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1081  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1082  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1083  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1084  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1085

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1086  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1087  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1088  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1089  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1090  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1091

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

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county:

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

designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1121  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1122  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1123  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1124  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1125  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1126  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1127  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1128  
division. 1129

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1130  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1131  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1132  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1133  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1134  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1135  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1136  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1137  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1138  
division, who request the services. 1139

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1140  
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1141  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1142  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1143  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1144  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1145  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1146  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1147  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1148  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1149  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1150  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1151

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1152  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1153  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1154  
the judge's various duties. 1155

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1156  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1157  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1158  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1159  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1160  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1161  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1162  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1163  
request the services. 1164

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1165  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1166  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1167  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1168  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1169  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1170

(N) In Erie county: 1171

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1172  
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1173  
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1174  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1175  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1176  
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1177  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1178  
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1179  
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1180  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1181

which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1182  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1183  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1184  
other judge. 1185

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1186  
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1187  
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1188  
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1189  
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1190  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1191  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1192

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1193  
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1194  
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1195  
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1196  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1197  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1198  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1199  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1200  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1201  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1202  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1203  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1204

(0) In Greene county: 1205

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1206  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1207  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1208  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1209  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1210  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1211

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1212  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1213  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1214  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1215  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1216  
court of common pleas. 1217

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1218  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1219  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1220  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1221  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1222  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1223  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1224  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1225  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1226  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1227  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1228  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1229  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1230  
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1231  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1232  
general division of the court of common pleas. 1233

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1234  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1235  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1236  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1237  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1238  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1239  
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1240  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1241  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1242

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1243  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1244  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1245  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1246  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1247  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1248  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1249  
the judge's various duties. 1250

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1251  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1252  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1253  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1254  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1255  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1256  
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1257  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1258  
request the services. 1259

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1260  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1261  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1262  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1263  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1264  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1265  
division. 1266

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1267  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1268  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1269  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1270  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1271  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1272

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1273  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1274  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1275  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1276  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1277  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1278  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1279  
domestic relations division. 1280

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1281  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1282  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1283  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1284  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1285  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1286  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1287  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1288  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1289  
division, who request the services. 1290

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1291  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1292  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1293  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1294  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1295  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1296  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1297  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1298  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1299  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1300  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1301  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1302  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1303

domestic relations division. 1304

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1305  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1306  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1307  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1308  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1309  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1310  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1311  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1312  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1313  
division, who request the services. 1314

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1315  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1316  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1317  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1318  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1319  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1320  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1321  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1322  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1323  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1324  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1325  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1326  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1327  
domestic relations division. 1328

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1329  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1330  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1331  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1332  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1333

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1334  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1335  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1336  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1337  
division, who request the services. 1338

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1339  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1340  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1341  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1342  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1343  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1344  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1345  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1346  
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1347  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1348  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1349  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1350  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1351  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1352  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1353  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1354  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1355  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1356  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1357  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1358

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1359  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1360  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1361  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1362  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1363  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1364

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1365  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1366  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1367  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1368  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1369  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1370  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1371  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1372  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1373  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1374

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1375  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1376  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1377  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1378  
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1379  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1380  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1381  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1382  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1383  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1384  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1385  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1386  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1387  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1388  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1389  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1390  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1391  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1392  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1393

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1394  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1395

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1396  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1397  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1398  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1399  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1400  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1401  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1402  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1403  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1404  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1405  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1406  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1407  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1408

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1409  
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1410  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1411  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1412  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1413  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1414  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1415  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1416  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1417  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1418  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1419  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1420  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1421  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1422  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1423  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1424  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1425  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1426

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1427

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1428  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1429  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1430  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1431  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1432  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1433  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1434  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1435  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1436  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1437  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1438  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1439  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1440  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1441  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1442

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1443  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1444  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1445  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1446  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1447  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1448  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1449  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1450  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1451  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1452  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1453  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1454  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1455  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1456  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1457

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1458  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1459  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1460  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1461  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1462  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1463  
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1464  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1465  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1466  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1467  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1468  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1469  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1470  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1471  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1472  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1473  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1474  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1475  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1476

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1477  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1478  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1479  
personnel of the division. 1480

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1481  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1482  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1483  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1484  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1485  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1486  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1487  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1488

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1489  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1490  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1491  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1492  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1493  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1494  
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1495  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1496  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1497  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1498  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1499  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1500  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1501  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1502  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1503  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1504  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1505  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1506  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1507  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1508  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1509  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1510  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1511  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1512

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1513  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1514  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1515  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1516  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1517  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1518  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1519

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1520  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1521  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1522  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1523  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1524  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1525  
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1526  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1527  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1528  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1529  
and the judges of the general division. 1530

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1531  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1532  
children services board and the county advisory board. 1533

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1534  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1535  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1536  
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1537  
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1538  
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1539  
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1540  
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1541  
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1542  
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1543  
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1544  
domestic relations of that court. 1545

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1546  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1547  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1548  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1549

of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1550  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1551  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1552  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1553  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1554  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1555  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1556  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1557  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1558  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1559  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1560  
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1561  
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1562  
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1563  
the personnel of the division. 1564

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1565  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1566  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1567  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1568  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1569  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1570  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1571  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1572  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1573  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1574  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1575  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1576  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1577  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1578  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1579

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1580

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1581  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1582  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1583  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1584  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1585  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1586  
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1587  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1588  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1589  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1590  
duties. 1591

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1592  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1593  
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1594  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1595  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1596  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1597  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1598  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1599  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1600  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1601  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1602  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1603  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1604  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1605  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1606  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1607  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1608  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1609  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1610  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1611

of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1612  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1613  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1614  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1615  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1616  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1617  
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1618  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1619  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1620  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1621  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1622  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1623  
(Z)(1) of this section. 1624

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1625  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1626  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1627  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1628  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1629  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1630  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1631  
pleas of Marion county. 1632

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1633  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1634  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1635  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1636  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1637  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1638  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1639  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1640  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1641  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1642

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1643  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1644  
common pleas of Marion county. 1645

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1646  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1647  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1648  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1649  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1650  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1651  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1652  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1653  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1654  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1655  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1656  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1657  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1658  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1659  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1660  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1661  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1662  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1663  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1664

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1665  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1666  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1667  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1668  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1669  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1670  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1671  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1672  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1673

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1674  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1675  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1676  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1677  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1678  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1679

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1680  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1681  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1682  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1683  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1684  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1685  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1686  
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1687  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1688  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1689  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1690  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1691  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1692  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1693  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1694  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1695  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1696  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1697  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1698  
the court of common pleas. 1699

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1700  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1701  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1702  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1703  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1704

and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1705  
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1706  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1707  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1708  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1709  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1710  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1711  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1712  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1713  
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1714  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1715  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1716  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1717  
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1718  
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1719  
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1720  
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1721  
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1722  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1723  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1724  
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1725  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1726  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1727  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1728  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1729  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1730  
(CC) (1) of this section. 1731

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1732  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1733  
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who 1734  
is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division 1735

of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 1736  
of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the 1737  
probate division and juvenile division of the court of common 1738  
pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas 1739  
who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code 1740  
shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and 1741  
files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1742

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1743  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1744  
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1745  
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1746  
probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1747  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1748  
probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations- 1749  
juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all 1750  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1751  
construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to 1752  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this 1753  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1754  
common pleas of Logan county. 1755

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1756  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1757  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1758  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1759  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1760  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1761  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1762  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1763  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1764  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1765  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1766

courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this section.

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed with respect to Champaign county as being references to the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed with respect to Champaign county as being references to the

judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1798  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1799  
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1800  
probate division. 1801

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1802  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1803  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1804  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1805  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1806  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1807  
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1808  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1809  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1810  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1811  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1812  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1813  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1814  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1815  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1816  
of common pleas. 1817

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1818  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1819  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1820  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1821  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1822  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1823  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1824  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1825  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1826

**Section 2.** That existing sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 1827

2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1828

**Section 3.** Divisions (C), (D), and (E) of section 141.16 1829  
of the Revised Code are hereby enacted under the authority 1830  
granted the General Assembly under Section 6(C) of Article IV 1831  
and Article II of the Ohio Constitution. This authority grants 1832  
the General Assembly the ability to pass laws providing 1833  
retirement benefits for judges. The purpose of the payments 1834  
required under section 141.16 of the Revised Code is to ensure 1835  
that retired assigned judges remain available for service to the 1836  
state of Ohio in order to promote the effective administration 1837  
of justice throughout the state. Given the unpredictable nature 1838  
of case filings, the purpose of the section is to provide cost- 1839  
effective means to address case-load surges and reduce case 1840  
disposition delay that might otherwise require the addition of 1841  
full-time sitting judges. 1842

**Section 4.** The Supreme Court may use appropriation item 1843  
005321, Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court, to make 1844  
payments to retired assigned judges as provided under division 1845  
(C) of section 141.16 of the Revised Code as amended by this 1846  
act. 1847

**Section 5.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1848  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1849  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is the 1850  
need to create a domestic relations division of the Delaware 1851  
County Court of Common Pleas and to create a judgeship for that 1852  
division in a timely fashion. Therefore, this act shall go into 1853  
immediate effect. 1854