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A BILL

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, 2
and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the 3
Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on 4
January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time 5
judgeship in that court, to provide for the 6
nomination of the judge by petition only, to 7
abolish the Perry County County Court on that 8
date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of 9
Courts as the clerk of the Perry County 10
Municipal Court, and to provide for the election 11
for the Perry County Municipal Court of one 12
full-time judge in 2017. 13

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 14
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the 15
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 16

Sec. 1901.01. (A) There is hereby established a municipal 17
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 18

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 19
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 20
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 21
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 22
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 23
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 24
Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 25
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 26
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 27
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 28
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 29
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 30
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 31
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, 32
Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, 33
Painesville, Parma, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, 34
Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, 35
South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, 36
Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van 37
Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of 38
Washington in Fayette county, to be known as Washington Court 39
House, Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and 40
Zanesville. 41

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 42
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 43
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 44
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 45
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 46
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 47
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 48
this division. 49

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 50
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 51
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 52
county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 53
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 54
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 55
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 56

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 57
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 58
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 59
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 60
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 61
authority of that court. 62

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 63
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 64
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 65

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 66
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 67

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 68
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 69
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 70
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 71
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 72
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 73
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 74
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 75

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 76
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 77
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 78

except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 79
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 80
legislative authority of that court. 81

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 82
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 83
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 84
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 85
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 86
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 87
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 88
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 89
"..... municipal court," inserting 90
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 91
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 92

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 93
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 94
court"; 95

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 96
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 97
court"; 98

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 99
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 100

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 101
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 102

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 103
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 104

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 105
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 106

- (7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 107
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 108
- (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 109
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 110
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 111
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 112
court"; 113
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 114
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 115
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 116
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 117
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 118
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 119
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 120
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 121
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 122
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 123
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 124
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 125
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 126
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 127
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 128
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 129
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 130
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 131
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 132
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 133

beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the	134
"Clinton county municipal court";	135
(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that	136
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal	137
court";	138
(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that,	139
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the	140
"Fairfield county municipal court";	141
(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana	142
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or	143
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of	144
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and	145
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court";	146
(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that,	147
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the	148
"Brown county municipal court";	149
(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that,	150
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the	151
"Morrow county municipal court";	152
(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that,	153
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the	154
"Darke county municipal court";	155
(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that,	156
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the	157
"Holmes county municipal court";	158
(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that,	159
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the	160
"Carroll county municipal court";	161

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 162
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 163
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 164
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 165
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 166
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 167
court"; 168

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 169
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 170
"Putnam county municipal court"; 171

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 172
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 173
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 174
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 175
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 176
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 177
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 178
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 179
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 180

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 181
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 182
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 183
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 184
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 185
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 186
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 187

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 188
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 189
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 190

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 191
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 192
the "Perry county municipal court." 193

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 194
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 195
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 196

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 197
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 198
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 199
county. 200

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 201
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 202
county. 203

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 204
Ashland county. 205

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 206
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 207

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 208
Athens county. 209

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 210
within Auglaize county. 211

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 212
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 213

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 214
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 215
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, 216
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in 217
Summit county. 218

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	219
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow,	220
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange,	221
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	222
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	223
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	224
Logan county.	225
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	226
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	227
in Sandusky county.	228
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	229
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	230
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	231
township, in Cuyahoga county.	232
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	233
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	234
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	235
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	236
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	237
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	238
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	239
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	240
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal	241
court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	242
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	243
county.	244
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	245
Guernsey county.	246

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	247
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	248
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	249
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	250
Stark county.	251
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	252
Carroll county.	253
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	254
county.	255
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction	256
within Champaign county.	257
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	258
county.	259
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within	260
Ross county.	261
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within	262
Pickaway county.	263
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	264
Clark county.	265
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction	266
within Clermont county.	267
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	268
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	269
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	270
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	271
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	272
within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	273

corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and	274
St. Clair townships.	275
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	276
Coshocton county.	277
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	278
within Crawford county.	279
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	280
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	281
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	282
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	283
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	284
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	285
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	286
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	287
municipal corporation of Bradford.	288
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	289
Defiance county.	290
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	291
Delaware county.	292
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	293
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	294
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	295
county.	296
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	297
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	298
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	299
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	300

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court 301
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships 302
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal 303
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and 304
Vermilion. 305

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the 306
municipal corporation of Beaver creek and within Bath and 307
Beaver creek townships in Greene county. 308

Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal 309
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county. 310

The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 311
Hancock county except within Washington township. 312

The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within 313
Franklin township in Warren county. 314

The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction 315
within Franklin county. 316

The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within 317
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county. 318

The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within 319
Gallia county. 320

The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction 321
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton 322
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, 323
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county. 324

The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within 325
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county. 326

The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross 327

and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	328
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	329
within Hamilton county.	330
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	331
Hardin county.	332
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	333
of Highland county except within Madison township.	334
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	335
Hocking county.	336
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	337
Holmes county.	338
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	339
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	340
corporation of Sandusky.	341
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	342
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	343
townships in Lawrence county.	344
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	345
Jackson county.	346
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	347
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	348
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	349
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	350
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	351
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	352
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	353
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	354

The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	355
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	356
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	357
Licking county.	358
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	359
county.	360
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	361
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	362
township, in Lorain county.	363
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	364
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	365
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	366
county.	367
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	368
Madison county.	369
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	370
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	371
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	372
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	373
Richland county.	374
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	375
Washington county.	376
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	377
county.	378
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	379
Union county.	380
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	381

Deerfield township in Warren county.	382
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	383
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	384
townships in Stark county.	385
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	386
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within	387
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions	388
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	389
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas	390
county.	391
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the	392
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-	393
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick	394
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield,	395
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in	396
Medina county.	397
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the	398
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	399
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within	400
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of	401
Bradford that is located in Darke county.	402
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	403
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and	404
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	405
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within	406
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except	407
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	408
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal	409

court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 410
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 411
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 412
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 413
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 414

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 415
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 416

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within 417
Knox county. 418

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry 419
county. 420

The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction 421
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, 422
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, 423
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in 424
Tuscarawas county. 425

The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within 426
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, 427
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county. 428

The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the 429
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield 430
township in Trumbull county. 431

The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 432
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue 433
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships. 434

The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the 435
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South 436
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, 437

Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and 438
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except 439
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 440

The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the 441
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem 442
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake 443
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 444
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 445
Toledo municipal court. 446

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 447
Ottawa county. 448

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 449
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 450
Lake county. 451

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 452
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 453
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 454
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 455

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal 456
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 457

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 458
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 459
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 460
in Wood county. 461

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 462
Portage county. 463

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 464
Scioto county. 465

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within Putnam county.	466 467
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in Cuyahoga county.	468 469 470 471
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within Perkins township, in Erie county.	472 473 474
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	475 476 477 478
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	479 480 481
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, in Richland county.	482 483 484 485
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby county.	486 487
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	488 489 490 491 492 493

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 494
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 495
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 496
county. 497

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 498
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 499
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 500
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 501
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 502
in Lucas county. 503

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 504
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 505
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 506
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 507
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 508
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 509
Millgrove, in Wood county. 510

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 511
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 512
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 513

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 514
Wyandot county. 515

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 516
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 517
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 518
county. 519

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 520
Wert county. 521

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 522

townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 523
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 524
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 525

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 526
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 527
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 528
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 529

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 530
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 531
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 532
county. 533

The Washington Court House municipal court has 534
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 535

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 536
Wayne county. 537

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 538
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 539
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 540
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 541
county. 542

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 543
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 544

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 545
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 546
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 547
Greene county. 548

(C) As used in this section: 549

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 550

not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 551
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 552
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 553
governmentally a part of the township. 554

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 555
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 556
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 557
corporation. 558

Sec. 1901.03. As used in this chapter: 559

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 560
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 561
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 562

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 563
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 564
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 565
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 566
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 567

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 568
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 569
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 570
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 571
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 572

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 573
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 574
operated municipal court, is located. 575

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 576
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 577
operated municipal court, is located. 578

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 579
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, 580
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, 581
Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 582
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 583
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 584
county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 585
1, ~~2013~~ 2018, also includes the ~~Sandusky-Perry~~ county municipal 586
court. 587

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 588
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 589
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 590
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 591
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 592

Sec. 1901.07. (A) All municipal court judges shall be 593
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 594
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 595
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 596
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 597
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 598
commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 599
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 600
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 601

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 602
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 603
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 604
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 605
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 606
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 607
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 608

municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 609
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 610
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 611
of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 612

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 613
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 614
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 615
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 616
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 617
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 618
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 619
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 620
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 621
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 622
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 623
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 624
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 625
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 626
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 627
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 628
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 629
political party for election to the office does not exceed the 630
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 631
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 632
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 633
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 634
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 635
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 636

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 637
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 638
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 639

beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 640
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 641
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 642
nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 643
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 644
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 645
to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 646
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 647
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 648
territory of the court. 649

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 650
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 651
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 652
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 653
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 654
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 655
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 656
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 657
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 658
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 659
of municipal court judges. 660

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 661
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 662
and elected as follows: 663

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 664
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 665
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 666
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 667
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 668
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 669

offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 670
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 671
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 672
in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 673
court of common pleas. 674

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 675
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 676
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 677
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 678
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 679
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 680
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 681
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 682
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 683
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 684
common pleas. 685

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 686
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 687
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 688
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 689
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 690
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 691
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 692
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 693
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 694
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 695
of common pleas. 696

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 697
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 698
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 699

of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 700
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 701
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 702
prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 703
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 704
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 705
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 706
electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 707
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 708
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 709

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 710
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 711
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 712
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 713
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 714
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 715
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 716
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 717
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 718

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 719
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Perry, 720
Putnam, Sandusky, and Wayne county municipal courts, the judges 721
shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall be 722
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court 723
and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 724

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 725
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 726
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 727

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 728
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 729

jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 730
the first day of January after the election. 731

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 732
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 733
their terms shall be as follows: 734

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 735
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 736
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 737
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 738

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 739
be elected in 1953. 740

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 741
be elected in 1951. 742

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 743
shall be elected in 1953. 744

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 745
shall be elected in 1967. 746

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 747
judge shall be elected in 1975. 748

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 749
shall be elected in 2017. On and after ~~the effective date of~~ 750
~~this amendment~~ September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the 751
Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as 752
a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's 753
term on December 31, 2017. 754

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 755
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 756
elected in 1971. 757

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall	758
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	759
1979.	760
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge	761
shall be elected in 1993.	762
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall	763
be elected in 1951.	764
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	765
elected in 2005.	766
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge	767
shall be elected in 1983.	768
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge	769
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-	770
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior	771
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall	772
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court	773
until December 31, 2005.	774
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	775
elected in 1965.	776
In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge	777
shall be elected in 1951.	778
In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall	779
be elected in 1963.	780
In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	781
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in	782
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	783
In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge	784

shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 785
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 786
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 787
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 788
December 31, 2009. 789

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 790
be elected in 1957. 791

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 792
judge shall be elected in 2001. 793

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 794
be elected in 1963. 795

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 796
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 797
elected in 1977. 798

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 799
shall be elected in 1953. 800

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 801
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 802
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 803
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 804
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 805
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 806

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 807
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 808
be elected in 1999. 809

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 810
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 811
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 812

1955.	813
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	814
judge shall be elected in 1957.	815
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	816
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	817
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	818
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until	819
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	820
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time	821
judges shall be elected in 2001.	822
In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall	823
be elected in 1953.	824
In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge	825
shall be elected in 1951.	826
In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time	827
judge shall be elected in 1977.	828
In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	829
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	830
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls	831
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the	832
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this	833
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004,	834
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time	835
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and	836
December 31, 2013, respectively.	837
In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge	838
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-	839
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior	840

to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 841
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 842
December 31, 2005. 843

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 844
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 845
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 846
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 847
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 848
second day of January next after their election. 849

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 850
be elected in 1957. 851

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 852
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 853
2007. 854

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 855
shall be elected in 1957. 856

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 857
shall be elected in 1953. 858

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 859
elected in 1973. 860

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 861
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 862
1973. 863

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 864
shall be elected in 2007. 865

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 866
be elected in 1951. 867

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	868 869
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	870 871 872
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	873 874
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	875 876 877
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	878 879
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1997.	880 881 882 883 884 885
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	886 887
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	888 889
In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	890 891 892
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	893 894

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 895
be elected in 1953. 896

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 897
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 898
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 899
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 900
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 901
the first day of January next after their election, except that 902
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 903
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 904
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 905
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 906

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 907
shall be elected in 1989. 908

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 909
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 910
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 911
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 912
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 913

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 914
shall be elected in 1977. 915

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 916
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 917
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 918
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 919
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 920
court until December 31, 2007. 921

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 922
elected in 1967. 923

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	924 925
In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part-time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001.	926 927 928 929 930
In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	931 932 933
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955.	934 935
In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the end of those judges' terms.	936 937 938 939 940 941
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	942 943
In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1955.	944 945
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	946 947 948
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	949 950 951

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 952
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 953
1973. 954

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 955
shall be elected in 1957. 956

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 957
shall be elected in 1981. 958

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 959
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 960
elected in 1969. 961

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall 962
be elected in 1957. 963

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall 964
be elected in 1951. 965

In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge 966
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the 967
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was 968
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 969
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 970

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 971
elected in 1965. 972

In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge 973
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 974
elected in 1971. 975

In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall 976
be elected in 1963. 977

In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 978

be elected in 1957.	979
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	980
be elected in 1971.	981
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	982
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	983
elected in 1979.	984
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge	985
shall be elected in 1951.	986
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge	987
shall be elected in 1953.	988
In the Montgomery county municipal court:	989
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time	990
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of	991
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is	992
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a	993
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of	994
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31,	995
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date.	996
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery	997
county county court that existed before that date whose term	998
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge	999
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31,	1000
2011.	1001
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time	1002
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this	1003
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July	1004
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county	1005
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on	1006
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the	1007

Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1008

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1009
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1010
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1011
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1012
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1013
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1014

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1015
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1016
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1017
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1018
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1019
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1020
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1021
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1022
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1023
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1024
December 31, 2013. 1025

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1026
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1027
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1028
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1029
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1030
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1031

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1032
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1033
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1034
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1035
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1036

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1037 1038
In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	1039 1040
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1041 1042
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1043 1044
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1045 1046
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1047 1048
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1049 1050
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	1051 1052
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1053 1054
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1055 1056 1057 1058 1059
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1060 1061
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	1062 1063

and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1064

In the Perry county municipal court to be established on 1065
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017. 1066

In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge 1067
shall be elected in 1977. 1068

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1069
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1070
be elected in 1971. 1071

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1072
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1073
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1074
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1075
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1076

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1077
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1078
elected in 1985. 1079

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1080
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1081
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1082
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1083
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1084
court until December 31, 2011. 1085

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1086
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1087
elected in 1971. 1088

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1089
be elected in 1953. 1090

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1091

judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1092
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1093
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 1094
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1095
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1096
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1097
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1098
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1099
31, 2013. 1100

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1101
shall be elected in 1957. 1102

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1103
be elected in 1957. 1104

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1105
be elected in 1995. 1106

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1107
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1108
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1109
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1110
January 1, 2000. 1111

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1112
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1113
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1114
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1115
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1116
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1117

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1118
shall be elected in 1953. 1119

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1120

elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1121
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1122
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1123
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1124
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1125
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1126
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1127
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1128
court until December 31, 2009. 1129

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1130
shall be elected in 1963. 1131

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1132
be elected in 1963. 1133

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1134
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1135

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1136
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1137
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1138

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1139
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1140
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 1141
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 1142
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1143
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1144

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1145
be elected in 1959. 1146

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1147
be elected in 1957. 1148

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 1149
shall be elected in 1965. 1150

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 1151
shall be elected in 1981. 1152

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1153
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1154
1971. 1155

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1156
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1157
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1158
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1159
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1160

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1161
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1162
elected in 1979. 1163

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1164
shall be elected in 1951. 1165

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1166
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1167
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1168
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1169
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1170

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1171
elected in 1977. 1172

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1173
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1174
elected in 2013. 1175

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1176

shall be elected in 1953. 1177

Sec. 1901.31. The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 1178
court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 1179
powers and duties as follows: 1180

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed 1181
or elected as follows: 1182

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Hamilton 1183
county, Miami county, Montgomery county, Portage county, and 1184
Wayne county municipal courts and through December 31, 2008, the 1185
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the population of the 1186
territory equals or exceeds one hundred thousand at the regular 1187
municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of the 1188
term of the present clerk, the clerk shall be nominated and 1189
elected by the qualified electors of the territory in the manner 1190
that is provided for the nomination and election of judges in 1191
section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1192

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1193
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1194
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1195
successor is elected and qualified. 1196

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1197
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1198
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1199
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1200
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1201
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1202
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1203
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1204
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1205

common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1206
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1207
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1208
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1209
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1210
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1211
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1212

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1213
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1214
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1215
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1216
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1217
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1218
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1219
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1220
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1221
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1222
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1223
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1224
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1225
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1226
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1227
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1228
Code. 1229

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1230
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1231
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1232
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1233
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1234
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1235
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1236

at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1237
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1238
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1239
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1240
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1241
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1242
the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1243
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1244
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1245

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 1246
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1247
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1248
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1249
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1250
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1251
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1252
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1253
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1254
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1255
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1256
territory of the court. 1257

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1258
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1259
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1260
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1261
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1262
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1263
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1264
Revised Code. 1265

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1266

by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1267
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1268
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1269
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1270
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1271
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1272
particular political party for election to that office, a 1273
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1274
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1275
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1276
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1277

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1278
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1279
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1280
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1281
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1282
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1283
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1284
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1285
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1286
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1287
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1288
successor is elected and qualified. 1289

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1290
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1291
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1292
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1293
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1294
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1295
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1296
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1297

candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1298
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1299
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1300
the territory of the court. 1301

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1302
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1303
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1304
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1305
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1306
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1307
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1308
Revised Code. 1309

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1310
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1311
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1312
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1313
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1314
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1315
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1316
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1317
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1318
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1319
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1320
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1321
Revised Code. 1322

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1323
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1324
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1325
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1326
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1327

the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1328
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1329
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1330
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1331
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1332
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1333
successor is elected and qualified. 1334

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1335
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1336
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1337
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1338
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1339
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1340
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1341
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1342
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1343
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1344
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1345
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1346
electors of the territory of the court. 1347

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1348
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1349
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1350
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1351
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1352
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1353
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1354
Revised Code. 1355

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1356
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1357

political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1358
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1359
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1360
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1361
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1362
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1363
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1364
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1365
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1366
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1367
Revised Code. 1368

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1369
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1370
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1371
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1372
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1373
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1374
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1375
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1376
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1377
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1378
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1379
successor is elected and qualified. 1380

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1381
effect after December 31, 2008. 1382

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 1383
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1384
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1385
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1386
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 1387

nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1388
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1389
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1390
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1391
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 1392
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1393
territory of the court. 1394

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1395
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1396
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1397
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1398
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1399
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1400
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1401
Revised Code. 1402

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1403
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1404
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1405
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 1406
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 1407
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1408
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1409
particular political party for election to that office, a 1410
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1411
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1412
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1413
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1414

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1415
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1416
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 1417

of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1418
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1419
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1420
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1421
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1422
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1423
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1424
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1425
successor is elected and qualified. 1426

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1427
county, Columbiana county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam 1428
county, Sandusky county, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1429
municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population 1430
of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk 1431
shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office 1432
until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 1433

(b) In the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1434
municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of 1435
office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section. 1436

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1437
Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1438
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1439
Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1440
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown 1441
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1442
county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for 1443
each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1444
1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge 1445
of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive 1446
the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The 1447

clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1448
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting 1449
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1450
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1451
municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall 1452
receive compensation payable from the county treasury in 1453
semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is 1454
prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1455
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1456
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1457
Code. 1458

(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1459
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1460
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1461
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1462
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1463
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1464
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1465
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1466
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1467
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1468
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1469
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1470
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1471
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1472
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1473
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1474
Revised Code. 1475

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1476
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1477
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1478

the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1479

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1480
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1481
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1482
Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs in 1483
the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1484
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1485
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1486
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1487
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1488
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1489
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1490
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1491
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1492
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1493
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1494
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1495
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1496
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1497
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1498
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1499
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1500
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1501
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1502
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1503
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1504
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1505
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1506
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1507
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1508
after the vacancy occurred. 1509

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1510
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Holmes 1511
county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1512
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1513
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1514
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1515
compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1516
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1517
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1518
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1519
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1520
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1521
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1522
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1523
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1524
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1525
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1526
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Perry 1527
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1528
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1529
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1530
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1531
expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar 1532
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1533
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1534
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1535
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1536
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1537
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1538
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1539
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1540
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1541

this section. 1542

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Hamilton county, 1543
Montgomery county, Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne 1544
county municipal courts, for which the population of the 1545
territory is one hundred thousand or more, and in the Lorain 1546
municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive 1547
annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five per cent of 1548
the salary of a judge of the court. 1549

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1550
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1551
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1552
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1553
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1554
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1555
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1556
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1557

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1558
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1559
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1560
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 1561
duties. 1562

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1563
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1564
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1565
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1566
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1567
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1568
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1569
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1570
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1571

found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at all times.

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

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which they are collected disburse to the

proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1603
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1604
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1605
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1606
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1607
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1608
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1609
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1610
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1611
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1612
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1613
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1614
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1615
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1616
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1617
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1618
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1619
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1620
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1621
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1622
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1623
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1624
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1625
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1626
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1627
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1628
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1629
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1630
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1631
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1632
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1633
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1634

clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1635
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1636
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1637
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1638
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1639
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1640

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1641
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1642
deposited in a state or national bank, or a domestic savings and 1643
loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised 1644
Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon 1645
the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, 1646
in a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid 1647
into the treasury of the county in which the court is located. 1648

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1649
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1650
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1651
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1652
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1653
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1654
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 1655
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1656
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1657
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1658
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1659
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1660
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1661
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1662

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 1663
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 1664

shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 1665
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 1666
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 1667
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 1668
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 1669
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 1670
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 1671
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 1672
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 1673
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 1674
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1675
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 1676
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 1677
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 1678
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 1679
of the deputy clerk's duties. 1680

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 1681
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 1682
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 1683
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 1684
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 1685
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 1686
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 1687
population of at least one hundred thousand. 1688

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 1689
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 1690
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1691
and receive verdicts. 1692

Sec. 1901.312. (A) As used in this section, "health care 1693
coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the 1694

Revised Code. 1695

(B) The legislative authority, after consultation with the 1696
clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, shall negotiate 1697
and contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure group health 1698
care coverage for the clerk and deputy clerks and their spouses 1699
and dependents from insurance companies authorized to engage in 1700
the business of insurance in this state under Title XXXIX of the 1701
Revised Code or health insuring corporations holding 1702
certificates of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised 1703
Code, except that if the county or municipal corporation served 1704
by the legislative authority provides group health care coverage 1705
for its employees, the group health care coverage required by 1706
this section shall be provided, if possible, through the policy 1707
or plan under which the group health care coverage is provided 1708
for the county or municipal corporation employees. 1709

(C) The portion of the costs, premiums, or charges for the 1710
group health care coverage procured pursuant to division (B) of 1711
this section that is not paid by the clerk and deputy clerks of 1712
the municipal court, or all of the costs, premiums, or charges 1713
for the group health care coverage if the clerk and deputy 1714
clerks will not be paying any such portion, shall be paid as 1715
follows: 1716

(1) If the municipal court is a county-operated municipal 1717
court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges or all of 1718
the costs, premiums, or charges shall be paid out of the 1719
treasury of the county. 1720

(2) (a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1721
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1722
in connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or 1723
charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three- 1724

fifths and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and 1725
appropriate county treasuries as described in division (C) of 1726
section 1901.31 of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a 1727
city treasury is subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 1728
of the Revised Code. 1729

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1730
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1731
in connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, 1732
premiums, or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall 1733
be paid from the city treasury and shall be subject to 1734
apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1735

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the 1736
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Perry county, Portage county, 1737
Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court, if health care 1738
coverage is provided to the clerk by virtue of the clerk's 1739
employment as the clerk of the court of common pleas of Auglaize 1740
county, Hamilton county, Perry county, Portage county, Putnam 1741
county, or Wayne county. 1742

Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1743
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1744
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1745
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1746
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1747
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1748
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1749
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1750
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1751
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1752
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1753
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1754

within the territory of the municipal court. 1755

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1756
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1757
Ottawa county, Perry county, Portage county, and Putnam county 1758
prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court all 1759
violations of state law arising in their respective counties. 1760
The Carroll county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison 1761
county, and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and beginning 1762
January 1, 2008, the Erie county prosecuting attorney shall 1763
prosecute all violations of state law arising within the 1764
unincorporated areas of their respective counties. The 1765
Columbiana county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the 1766
Columbiana county municipal court all violations of state law 1767
arising in the county, except for violations arising in the 1768
municipal corporation of East Liverpool, Liverpool township, or 1769
St. Clair township. The Darke county prosecuting attorney shall 1770
prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all violations of 1771
state law arising in the county, except for violations of state 1772
law arising in the municipal corporation of Greenville and 1773
violations of state law arising in the village of Versailles. 1774
The Greene county board of county commissioners may provide for 1775
the prosecution of all violations of state law arising within 1776
the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located in 1777
Greene county. The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall 1778
prosecute in the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, 1779
misdemeanor, and traffic violations arising in the 1780
unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay 1781
and all felony violations of state law and all violations 1782
involving a state or county agency arising within the 1783
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1784
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1785

prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1786
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1787
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1788

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1789
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1790
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1791
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1792
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1793
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1794
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1795
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1796
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1797
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1798

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1799
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1800
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1801
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1802
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1803
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1804
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1805
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1806
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1807

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1808
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1809
Ottawa, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an 1810
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1811
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1812
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1813
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1814
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1815

within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1816
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1817
Ottawa, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an 1818
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1819
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective 1820
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the 1821
Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, 1822
Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, 1823
Perry county, Portage county, or Putnam county municipal court 1824
for violations of the ordinances of the municipal corporation or 1825
for criminal offenses other than violations of state law 1826
occurring within the municipal corporation. For prosecuting 1827
these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the municipal 1828
corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the municipal 1829
corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county treasury, 1830
to be used to cover expenses of the office of the prosecuting 1831
attorney. 1832

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 1833
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1834

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1835
shall be elected in 1982. 1836

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1837
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1838
elected in 1982. 1839

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1840
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1841
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1842
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1843

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1844

shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1845
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1846
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1847

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1848
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1849
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1850

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge 1851
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1852
elected in 1982. 1853

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1854
shall be elected in 1982. 1855

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1856
shall be elected in 1982. 1857

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1858
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1859
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1860
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1861

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1862
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1863
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1864
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1865
1995, respectively. 1866

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 1867
shall be elected in 1982. 1868

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 1869
shall be elected in 1982. 1870

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 1871
shall be elected in 1982. 1872

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1873
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1874
elected in 1982. 1875

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1876
shall be elected in 1982. 1877

In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge 1878
shall be elected in 1982. 1879

~~In the Perry county county court, one part time judge 1880~~
~~shall be elected in 1982. 1881~~

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1882
be elected in 1982. 1883

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1884
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1885
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1886
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1887
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1888
1, 2013. 1889

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1890
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1891
elected in 1994. 1892

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1893
shall be elected in 1982. 1894

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1895
shall be elected in 1982. 1896

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1897
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1898
elected in 1982. 1899

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1900
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1901
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1902

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1903
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1904
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1905
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1906

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1907
1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1908
1907.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1909

Section 3. (A) Effective January 1, 2018, the Perry County 1910
County Court is abolished. 1911

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 1912
proceedings pending in the Perry County County Court at the 1913
close of business on December 31, 2017, shall be transferred to 1914
and proceed in the Perry County Municipal Court on January 1, 1915
2018, as if originally instituted in the Perry County Municipal 1916
Court. Parties to those causes, judgments, executions, and 1917
proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that are 1918
required to conform them to the rules of the Perry County 1919
Municipal Court. The Clerk of the Perry County County Court or 1920
other custodian shall transfer to the Perry County Municipal 1921
Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, papers, 1922
records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and persons 1923
that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject to the 1924
jurisdiction of the Perry County County Court, or any officer of 1925
that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, executions, 1926
and proceedings at the close of business on December 31, 2017. 1927

(C) All employees of the Perry County County Court shall 1928

be transferred to and shall become employees of the Perry County
Municipal Court on January 1, 2018. 1929
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(D) Effective January 1, 2018, the part-time judgeship in 1931
the Perry County County Court is abolished. 1932

Section 4. Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.31, 1933
1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code, as amended 1934
by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2018. 1935

Section 5. Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is 1936
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1937
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 238 and Sub. H.B. 338 of the 128th General 1938
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1939
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1940
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1941
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1942
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1943
as presented in this act. 1944