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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
Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on 4
January 1, 2019, 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 Paulding County County Court on that 8
date, to designate the Paulding County Clerk of 9
Courts as the clerk of the Paulding County 10
Municipal Court, and to provide for the election 11
for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one 12
full-time judge in 2018. 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 Philadelphia, Newton Falls, Niles, 32
Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, Painesville, Parma, 33
Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky 34
River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, 35
Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, 36
Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, 37
Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of Washington in Fayette 38
county, to be known as Washington Court House, Willoughby, 39
Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville. 40

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 41
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 42
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 43
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 44
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 45
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 46
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 47
this division. 48

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 49
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 50

corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 51
county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 52
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 53
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 54
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 55

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 56
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 57
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 58
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 59
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 60
authority of that court. 61

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 62
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 63
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 64

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 65
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 66

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 67
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 68
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 69
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 70
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 71
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 72
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 73
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 74

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 75
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 76
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 77
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 78
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 79

legislative authority of that court. 80

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 81
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 82
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 83
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 84
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 85
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 86
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 87
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 88
"..... municipal court," inserting 89
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 90
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 91

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 92
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 93
court"; 94

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 95
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 96
court"; 97

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 98
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 99

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 100
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 101

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 102
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 103

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 104
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 105

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 106
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 107

- (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 108
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 109
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 110
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 111
court"; 112
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 113
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 114
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 115
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 116
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 117
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 118
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 119
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 120
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 121
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 122
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 123
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 124
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 125
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 126
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 127
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 128
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 129
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 130
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 131
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 132
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 133
"Clinton county municipal court"; 134

- (19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court"; 135
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- (20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the "Fairfield county municipal court"; 138
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- (21) The municipal court established within Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 141
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- (22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Brown county municipal court"; 146
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- (23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Morrow county municipal court"; 149
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- (24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke county municipal court"; 152
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- (25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Holmes county municipal court"; 155
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- (26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Carroll county municipal court"; 158
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- (27) The municipal court established within Erie county in Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 161
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unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 163
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 164
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 165
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 166
court"; 167

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 168
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 169
"Putnam county municipal court"; 170

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 171
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 172
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 173
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 174
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 175
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 176
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 177
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 178
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 179

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 180
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 181
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 182
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 183
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 184
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 185
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 186

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 187
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 188
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court-"; 189

(32) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 190
beginning January 1, 2019, shall be styled and known as the 191

<u>"Paulding county municipal court."</u>	192
(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division	193
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section	194
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows:	195
The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath,	196
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal	197
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit	198
county.	199
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within	200
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark	201
county.	202
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within	203
Ashland county.	204
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within	205
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	206
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within	207
Athens county.	208
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction	209
within Auglaize county.	210
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the	211
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	212
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within	213
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley	214
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn,	215
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in	216
Summit county.	217
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	218

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

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

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

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

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the 305
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and 306
Beavercreek townships in Greene county. 307

Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal 308
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county. 309

The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 310
Hancock county except within Washington township. 311

The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within 312
Franklin township in Warren county. 313

The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction 314
within Franklin county. 315

The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within 316
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county. 317

The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within 318
Gallia county. 319

The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction 320
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton 321
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, 322
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county. 323

The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within 324
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county. 325

The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross 326
and St. Clair townships in Butler county. 327

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

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

The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	382
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	383
townships in Stark county.	384
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	385
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within	386
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions	387
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	388
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas	389
county.	390
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the	391
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-	392
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick	393
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield,	394
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in	395
Medina county.	396
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the	397
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	398
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within	399
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of	400
Bradford that is located in Darke county.	401
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	402
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and	403
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	404
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within	405
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except	406
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	407
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal	408
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except	409
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton,	410

Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood,	411
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German,	412
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships.	413
Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal	414
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	415
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within	416
Knox county.	417
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry	418
county.	419
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction	420
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn,	421
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover,	422
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in	423
Tuscarawas county.	424
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within	425
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington,	426
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	427
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the	428
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield	429
township in Trumbull county.	430
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	431
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	432
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	433
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	434
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	435
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	436
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	437
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	438

within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 439

The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the 440
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem 441
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake 442
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 443
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 444
Toledo municipal court. 445

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 446
Ottawa county. 447

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 448
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 449
Lake county. 450

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 451
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 452
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 453
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 454

Beginning January 1, 2019, the Paulding county municipal 455
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county. 456

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 457
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 458
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 459
in Wood county. 460

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 461
Portage county. 462

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 463
Scioto county. 464

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within 465
Putnam county. 466

The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within 467
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview 468
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in 469
Cuyahoga county. 470

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 471
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 472
Perkins township, in Erie county. 473

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal 474
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except 475
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 476
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships. 477

The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within 478
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, 479
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county. 480

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 481
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 482
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 483
in Richland county. 484

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 485
county. 486

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 487
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 488
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 489
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 490
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 491
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 492

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 493
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 494
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 495

county.	496
The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the	497
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within	498
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within	499
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships	500
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike,	501
in Lucas county.	502
Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal	503
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton,	504
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed,	505
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county,	506
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry	507
township, except within the municipal corporation of West	508
Millgrove, in Wood county.	509
The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within	510
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of	511
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county.	512
The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within	513
Wyandot county.	514
The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the	515
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and	516
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery	517
county.	518
The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van	519
Wert county.	520
The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the	521
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within	522
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal	523
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	524

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 525
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 526
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 527
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 528

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 529
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 530
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 531
county. 532

The Washington Court House municipal court has 533
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 534

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 535
Wayne county. 536

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 537
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 538
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 539
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 540
county. 541

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 542
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 543

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 544
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 545
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 546
Greene county. 547

(C) As used in this section: 548

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 549
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 550
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 551
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 552

governmentally a part of the township.	553
(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land	554
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation	555
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal	556
corporation.	557
Sec. 1901.03. As used in this chapter:	558
(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which	559
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections	560
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code.	561
(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative	562
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal	563
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located,	564
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the	565
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located.	566
(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the	567
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a	568
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the	569
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the	570
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located.	571
(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal	572
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-	573
operated municipal court, is located.	574
(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal	575
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-	576
operated municipal court, is located.	577
(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize	578
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county,	579
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county,	580

Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 581
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 582
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 583
county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 584
1, ~~2013~~ 2019, also includes the ~~Sandusky~~ Paulding county 585
municipal court. 586

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 587
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 588
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 589
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 590
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 591

Sec. 1901.07. (A) All municipal court judges shall be 592
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 593
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 594
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 595
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 596
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 597
commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 598
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 599
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 600

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 601
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 602
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 603
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 604
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 605
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 606
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 607
municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 608
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 609
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 610

of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 611

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 612
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 613
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 614
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 615
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 616
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 617
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 618
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 619
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 620
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 621
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 622
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 623
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 624
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 625
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 626
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 627
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 628
political party for election to the office does not exceed the 629
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 630
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 631
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 632
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 633
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 634
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 635

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 636
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 637
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 638
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 639
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 640
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 641

nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 642
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 643
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 644
to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 645
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 646
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 647
territory of the court. 648

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 649
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 650
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 651
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 652
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 653
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 654
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 655
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 656
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 657
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 658
of municipal court judges. 659

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 660
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 661
and elected as follows: 662

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 663
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 664
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 665
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 666
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 667
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 668
offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 669
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 670
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 671

in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 672
court of common pleas. 673

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 674
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 675
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 676
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 677
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 678
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 679
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 680
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 681
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 682
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 683
common pleas. 684

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 685
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 686
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 687
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 688
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 689
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 690
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 691
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 692
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 693
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 694
of common pleas. 695

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 696
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 697
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 698
of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 699
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 700
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 701

prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 702
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 703
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 704
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 705
electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 706
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 707
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 708

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 709
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 710
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 711
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 712
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 713
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 714
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 715
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 716
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 717

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 718
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Paulding, 719
Putnam, Sandusky, and Wayne county municipal courts, the judges 720
shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall be 721
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court 722
and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 723

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 724
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 725
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 726

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 727
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 728
jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 729
the first day of January after the election. 730

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 731
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 732
their terms shall be as follows: 733

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 734
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 735
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 736
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 737

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 738
be elected in 1953. 739

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 740
be elected in 1951. 741

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 742
shall be elected in 1953. 743

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 744
shall be elected in 1967. 745

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 746
judge shall be elected in 1975. 747

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 748
shall be elected in 2017. On and after ~~the effective date of~~ 749
~~this amendment~~ September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the 750
Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as 751
a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's 752
term on December 31, 2017. 753

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 754
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 755
elected in 1971. 756

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 757
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 758

1979.	759
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	760 761
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	762 763
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	764 765
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983.	766 767
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	768 769 770 771 772 773
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	774 775
In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	776 777
In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	778 779
In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	780 781 782
In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county	783 784 785

county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 786
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 787
December 31, 2009. 788

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 789
be elected in 1957. 790

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 791
judge shall be elected in 2001. 792

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 793
be elected in 1963. 794

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 795
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 796
elected in 1977. 797

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 798
shall be elected in 1953. 799

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 800
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 801
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 802
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 803
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 804
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 805

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 806
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 807
be elected in 1999. 808

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 809
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 810
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 811
1955. 812

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 813

judge shall be elected in 1957. 814

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 815
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 816
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 817
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 818
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 819

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 820
judges shall be elected in 2001. 821

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 822
be elected in 1953. 823

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 824
shall be elected in 1951. 825

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 826
judge shall be elected in 1977. 827

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 828
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 829
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 830
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 831
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 832
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 833
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 834
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 835
December 31, 2013, respectively. 836

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 837
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 838
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 839
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 840
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 841
December 31, 2005. 842

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 843
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 844
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 845
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 846
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 847
second day of January next after their election. 848

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 849
be elected in 1957. 850

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 851
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 852
2007. 853

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 854
shall be elected in 1957. 855

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 856
shall be elected in 1953. 857

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 858
elected in 1973. 859

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 860
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 861
1973. 862

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 863
shall be elected in 2007. 864

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 865
be elected in 1951. 866

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall 867
be elected in 1977. 868

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time 869

judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	870 871
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	872 873
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	874 875 876
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	877 878
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.	879 880 881 882 883 884
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	885 886
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	887 888
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.	889 890 891
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	892 893
In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	894 895
In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time	896

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

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 906
shall be elected in 1989. 907

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 908
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 909
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 910
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 911
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 912

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 913
shall be elected in 1977. 914

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 915
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 916
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 917
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 918
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 919
court until December 31, 2007. 920

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 921
elected in 1967. 922

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 923
be elected in 1951. 924

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 925

shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 926
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 927
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 928
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 929

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 930
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 931
elected in 1975. 932

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 933
be elected in 1955. 934

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 935
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 936
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 937
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 938
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 939
court until the end of those judges' terms. 940

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 941
judge shall be elected in 1981. 942

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 943
be elected in 1955. 944

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 945
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 946
elected in 1971. 947

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 948
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 949
1967. 950

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 951
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 952
1973. 953

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	954 955
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	956 957
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969.	958 959 960
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	961 962
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	963 964
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	965 966 967 968 969
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	970 971
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	972 973 974
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	975 976
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	977 978
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	979 980

In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge 981
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 982
elected in 1979. 983

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge 984
shall be elected in 1951. 985

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 986
shall be elected in 1953. 987

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 988

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 989
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 990
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 991
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 992
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 993
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 994
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 995
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 996
county county court that existed before that date whose term 997
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 998
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 999
2011. 1000

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 1001
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 1002
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1003
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1004
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1005
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1006
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1007

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1008
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1009

1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1010
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1011
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1012
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1013

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1014
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1015
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1016
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1017
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1018
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1019
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1020
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1021
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1022
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1023
December 31, 2013. 1024

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1025
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1026
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1027
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1028
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1029
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1030

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1031
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1032
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1033
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1034
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1035

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1036
shall be elected in 1951. 1037

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1038

be elected in 2005. 1039

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1040
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1041

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1042
shall be elected in 1963. 1043

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1044
elected in 1951. 1045

In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1046
be elected in 1975. 1047

In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1048
be elected in 1953. 1049

In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1050
be elected in 1989. 1051

In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1052
be elected in 1963. 1053

In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge 1054
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port 1055
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1056
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1057
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1058

In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1059
shall be elected in 1951. 1060

In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1061
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, 1062
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1063

In the Paulding county municipal court to be established 1064
on January 1, 2019, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1065

<u>2018.</u>	1066
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	1067 1068
In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1069 1070 1071
In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1072 1073 1074 1075 1076
In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1985.	1077 1078 1079
In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part-time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal court until December 31, 2011.	1080 1081 1082 1083 1084 1085
In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1086 1087 1088
In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1089 1090
In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court	1091 1092 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, Paulding county, 1428
Putnam county, Sandusky county, Lorain, Massillon, and 1429
Youngstown municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the 1430
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1431
the clerk shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall 1432
hold office until the clerk's successor is appointed and 1433
qualified. 1434

(b) In the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1435
municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of 1436
office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section. 1437

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1438
Paulding county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1439
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1440
Holmes county, Paulding county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1441
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize 1442
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Paulding county, Putnam 1443
county, and Sandusky county municipal courts and may appoint a 1444
chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established 1445
pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant 1446
clerks as the judge of the court determines are necessary, all 1447
of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative 1448
authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize county, 1449
Brown county, Holmes county, Paulding county, Putnam county, and 1450

Sandusky county, acting as the clerks of the Auglaize county, 1451
Brown county, Holmes county, Paulding county, Putnam county, and 1452
Sandusky county municipal courts and assuming the duties of 1453
these offices, shall receive compensation payable from the 1454
county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the 1455
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1456
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1457
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1458
Revised Code. 1459

(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1460
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1461
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1462
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1463
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1464
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1465
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1466
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1467
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1468
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1469
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1470
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1471
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1472
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1473
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1474
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1475
Revised Code. 1476

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1477
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1478
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1479
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1480

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1481
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1482
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1483
Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs in 1484
the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1485
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1486
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1487
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1488
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1489
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1490
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1491
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1492
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1493
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1494
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1495
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1496
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1497
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1498
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1499
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1500
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1501
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1502
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1503
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1504
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1505
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1506
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1507
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1508
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1509
after the vacancy occurred. 1510

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1511

county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Holmes 1512
county, the Paulding county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1513
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1514
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1515
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1516
compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1517
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1518
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1519
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1520
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1521
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1522
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1523
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1524
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1525
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1526
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1527
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Paulding 1528
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1529
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1530
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1531
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1532
expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar 1533
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1534
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1535
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1536
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1537
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1538
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1539
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1540
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1541
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1542
this section. 1543

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Hamilton county, 1544
Montgomery county, Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne 1545
county municipal courts, for which the population of the 1546
territory is one hundred thousand or more, and in the Lorain 1547
municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive 1548
annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five per cent of 1549
the salary of a judge of the court. 1550

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1551
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1552
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1553
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1554
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1555
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1556
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1557
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1558

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1559
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1560
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1561
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 1562
duties. 1563

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1564
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1565
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1566
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1567
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1568
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1569
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1570
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1571
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1572
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 1573

Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 1574
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 1575
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 1576
or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 1577
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 1578
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 1579
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 1580
all times. 1581

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1582
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 1583
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 1584
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 1585
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 1586
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 1587
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 1588
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 1589
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 1590
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 1591
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 1592
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 1593
entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 1594
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 1595
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 1596
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 1597
court. 1598

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 1599
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1600
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 1601
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 1602
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 1603
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1604

fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1605
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1606
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1607
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1608
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1609
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1610
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1611
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1612
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1613
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1614
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1615
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1616
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1617
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1618
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1619
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1620
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1621
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1622
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1623
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1624
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1625
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1626
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1627
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1628
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1629
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1630
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1631
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1632
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1633
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1634
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1635
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1636

disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1637
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1638
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1639
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1640
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1641

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1642
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1643
deposited in a state or national bank, or a domestic savings and 1644
loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised 1645
Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon 1646
the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, 1647
in a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid 1648
into the treasury of the county in which the court is located. 1649

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1650
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1651
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1652
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1653
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1654
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1655
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 1656
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1657
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1658
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1659
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1660
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1661
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1662
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1663

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 1664
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 1665
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 1666

installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 1667
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 1668
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 1669
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 1670
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 1671
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 1672
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 1673
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 1674
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 1675
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1676
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 1677
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 1678
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 1679
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 1680
of the deputy clerk's duties. 1681

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 1682
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 1683
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 1684
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 1685
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 1686
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 1687
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 1688
population of at least one hundred thousand. 1689

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 1690
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 1691
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1692
and receive verdicts. 1693

Sec. 1901.312. (A) As used in this section, "health care 1694
coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the 1695
Revised Code. 1696

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

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

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

(2) (a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges in connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three-fifths and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and

appropriate county treasuries as described in division (C) of 1727
section 1901.31 of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a 1728
city treasury is subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 1729
of the Revised Code. 1730

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1731
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1732
in connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, 1733
premiums, or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall 1734
be paid from the city treasury and shall be subject to 1735
apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1736

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the 1737
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Paulding county, Portage 1738
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court, if 1739
health care coverage is provided to the clerk by virtue of the 1740
clerk's employment as the clerk of the court of common pleas of 1741
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Paulding county, Portage 1742
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county. 1743

Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1744
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1745
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1746
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1747
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1748
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1749
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1750
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1751
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1752
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1753
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1754
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1755
within the territory of the municipal court. 1756

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1757
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1758
Ottawa county, Paulding county, Portage county, and Putnam 1759
county prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court 1760
all violations of state law arising in their respective 1761
counties. The Carroll county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, 1762
Madison county, and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and 1763
beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county prosecuting attorney 1764
shall prosecute all violations of state law arising within the 1765
unincorporated areas of their respective counties. The 1766
Columbiana county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the 1767
Columbiana county municipal court all violations of state law 1768
arising in the county, except for violations arising in the 1769
municipal corporation of East Liverpool, Liverpool township, or 1770
St. Clair township. The Darke county prosecuting attorney shall 1771
prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all violations of 1772
state law arising in the county, except for violations of state 1773
law arising in the municipal corporation of Greenville and 1774
violations of state law arising in the village of Versailles. 1775
The Greene county board of county commissioners may provide for 1776
the prosecution of all violations of state law arising within 1777
the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located in 1778
Greene county. The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall 1779
prosecute in the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, 1780
misdemeanor, and traffic violations arising in the 1781
unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay 1782
and all felony violations of state law and all violations 1783
involving a state or county agency arising within the 1784
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1785
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1786
prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1787
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1788

within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1789

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1790
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1791
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1792
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1793
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1794
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1795
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1796
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1797
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1798
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1799

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1800
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1801
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1802
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1803
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1804
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1805
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1806
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1807
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1808

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1809
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1810
Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an 1811
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1812
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1813
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1814
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1815
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1816
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1817
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1818

Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an 1819
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1820
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective 1821
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the 1822
Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, 1823
Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, 1824
Paulding county, Portage county, or Putnam county municipal 1825
court for violations of the ordinances of the municipal 1826
corporation or for criminal offenses other than violations of 1827
state law occurring within the municipal corporation. For 1828
prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the 1829
municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the 1830
municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county 1831
treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the office of the 1832
prosecuting attorney. 1833

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 1834
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1835

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1836
shall be elected in 1982. 1837

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1838
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1839
elected in 1982. 1840

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1841
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1842
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1843
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1844

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1845
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1846
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1847

commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1848

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1849
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1850
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1851

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge 1852
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1853
elected in 1982. 1854

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1855
shall be elected in 1982. 1856

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1857
shall be elected in 1982. 1858

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1859
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1860
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1861
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1862

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1863
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1864
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1865
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1866
1995, respectively. 1867

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 1868
shall be elected in 1982. 1869

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 1870
shall be elected in 1982. 1871

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 1872
shall be elected in 1982. 1873

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1874

shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1875
elected in 1982. 1876

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1877
shall be elected in 1982. 1878

~~In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge~~ 1879
~~shall be elected in 1982.~~ 1880

In the Perry county county court, one part-time judge 1881
shall be elected in 1982. 1882

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1883
be elected in 1982. 1884

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1885
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1886
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1887
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1888
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1889
1, 2013. 1890

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1891
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1892
elected in 1994. 1893

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1894
shall be elected in 1982. 1895

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1896
shall be elected in 1982. 1897

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1898
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1899
elected in 1982. 1900

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1901

regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1902
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1903

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1904
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1905
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1906
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1907

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1908
1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1909
1907.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1910

Section 3. (A) Effective January 1, 2019, the Paulding 1911
County County Court is abolished. 1912

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 1913
proceedings pending in the Paulding County County Court at the 1914
close of business on December 31, 2018, shall be transferred to 1915
and proceed in the Paulding County Municipal Court on January 1, 1916
2019, as if originally instituted in the Paulding County 1917
Municipal Court. Parties to those causes, judgments, executions, 1918
and proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that 1919
are required to conform them to the rules of the Paulding County 1920
Municipal Court. The Clerk of the Paulding County County Court 1921
or other custodian shall transfer to the Paulding County 1922
Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, 1923
papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and 1924
persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject 1925
to the jurisdiction of the Paulding County County Court, or any 1926
officer of that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, 1927
executions, and proceedings at the close of business on December 1928
31, 2018. 1929

(C) All employees of the Paulding County County Court 1930

shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the 1931
Paulding County Municipal Court on January 1, 2019. 1932

(D) Effective January 1, 2019, the part-time judgeship in 1933
the Paulding County County Court is abolished. 1934

Section 4. Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.31, 1935
1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code, as amended 1936
by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2019. 1937

Section 5. Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is 1938
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1939
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 238 and Sub. H.B. 338 of the 128th General 1940
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1941
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1942
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1943
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1944
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1945
as presented in this act. 1946