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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.02, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of  
the Revised Code to specify that the domestic  
relations judge of the Franklin County Court of  
Common Pleas to be elected in 2020 will take  
office on January 3, 2021, and to remove the  
municipal corporation of Trenton from the  
jurisdiction of the Hamilton and Middletown  
municipal courts and to amend the version of  
section 1901.02 of the Revised Code that is  
scheduled to take effect January 1, 2020, to  
continue the provisions of this act on and after  
that effective date.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.02, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of  
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by  
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the  
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or,  
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county

municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 19  
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 20  
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 21  
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 22  
"..... municipal court," inserting 23  
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 24  
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 25

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 26  
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 27  
court"; 28

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 29  
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 30  
court"; 31

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 32  
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 33

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 34  
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 35

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 36  
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 37

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 38  
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 39

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 40  
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 41

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 42  
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 43

(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 44  
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 45  
court"; 46

- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 47  
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- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 49  
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- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 51  
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- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 53  
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- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 55  
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- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 57  
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- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 59  
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- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 61  
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- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the "Clinton county municipal court"; 66  
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- (19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court"; 69  
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- (20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 72  
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"Fairfield county municipal court";	74
(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";	75 76 77 78 79
(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Brown county municipal court";	80 81 82
(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Morrow county municipal court";	83 84 85
(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke county municipal court";	86 87 88
(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Holmes county municipal court";	89 90 91
(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Carroll county municipal court";	92 93 94
(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal court";	95 96 97 98 99 100 101

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 102  
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 103  
"Putnam county municipal court"; 104

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 105  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 106  
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 107  
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 108  
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 109  
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 110  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 111  
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 112  
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 113

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 114  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 115  
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 116  
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 117  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 118  
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 119  
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 120

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 121  
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 122  
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 123

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 124  
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 125  
the "Perry county municipal court." 126

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 127  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 128  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 129

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 130

Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 131  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 132  
county. 133

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 134  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 135  
county. 136

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 137  
Ashland county. 138

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 139  
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 140

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 141  
Athens county. 142

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 143  
within Auglaize county. 144

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 145  
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 146

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 147  
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 148  
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, 149  
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in 150  
Summit county. 151

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the 152  
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, 153  
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, 154  
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within 155  
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county. 156

The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within 157  
Logan county. 158

The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township in Sandusky county.	159 160 161
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted township, in Cuyahoga county.	162 163 164 165
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	174 175
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams county.	176 177
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within Guernsey county.	178 179
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	180 181
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in Stark county.	182 183 184
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within Carroll county.	185 186

The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	187 188
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	189 190
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	191 192
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	193 194
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	195 196
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	197 198
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	199 200
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	201 202
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	203 204
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and St. Clair townships.	205 206 207 208
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coshocton county.	209 210
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within Crawford county.	211 212
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	213

court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	214
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	215
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	216
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	217
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	218
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	219
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	220
municipal corporation of Bradford.	221
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	222
Defiance county.	223
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	224
Delaware county.	225
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	226
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	227
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	228
county.	229
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	230
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	231
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	232
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	233
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	234
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	235
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	236
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	237
Vermilion.	238
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	239
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and	240
Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	241

Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	242 243
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Hancock county except within Washington township.	244 245
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin township in Warren county.	246 247
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin county.	248 249
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	250 251
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within Gallia county.	252 253
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	254 255 256 257
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	258 259
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross township, and <u>within St. Clair townships township, except within the municipal corporation of Trenton,</u> in Butler county.	260 261 262
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Hamilton county.	263 264
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Hardin county.	265 266
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Highland county except within Madison township.	267 268

The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within Hocking county.	269 270
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within Holmes county.	271 272
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal corporation of Sandusky.	273 274 275
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid, Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington townships in Lawrence county.	276 277 278
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within Jackson county.	279 280
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within Washington township, in Montgomery county.	281 282 283
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	284 285
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes, Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	286 287 288
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	289 290
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within Licking county.	291 292
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen county.	293 294
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	295

municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield township, in Lorain county.	296 297
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga county.	298 299 300 301
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison county.	302 303
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.	304 305 306 307 308
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington county.	309 310
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion county.	311 312
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within Union county.	313 314
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within Deerfield township in Warren county.	315 316
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson townships in Stark county.	317 318 319
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	320 321 322 323

the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county.	324 325
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in Medina county.	326 327 328 329 330 331
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	332 333
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of Bradford that is located in Darke county.	334 335 336
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	337 338 339
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison township, <u>except within the municipal corporation of Trenton</u> , and within all of Lemon township, except within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	340 341 342 343
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships.	344 345 346 347 348 349
Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	350 351

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox county.	352 353
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry county.	354 355
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas county.	356 357 358 359 360
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	361 362 363
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield township in Trumbull county.	364 365 366
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	367 368 369
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	370 371 372 373 374 375
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	376 377 378 379 380

Toledo municipal court.	381
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	382
Ottawa county.	383
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	384
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in	385
Lake county.	386
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	387
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale,	388
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn	389
Heights in Cuyahoga county.	390
Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal	391
court has jurisdiction within Perry county.	392
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	393
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	394
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships,	395
in Wood county.	396
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	397
Portage county.	398
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within	399
Scioto county.	400
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within	401
Putnam county.	402
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	403
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview	404
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in	405
Cuyahoga county.	406
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	407

municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	408
Perkins township, in Erie county.	409
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal	410
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except	411
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and	412
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	413
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	414
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	415
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	416
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	417
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and	418
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32,	419
in Richland county.	420
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby	421
county.	422
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has	423
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore	424
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal	425
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe	426
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	427
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	428
The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the	429
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and	430
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning	431
county.	432
The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the	433
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within	434
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within	435
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships	436

lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 437  
in Lucas county. 438

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 439  
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 440  
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 441  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 442  
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 443  
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 444  
Millgrove, in Wood county. 445

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 446  
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 447  
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 448

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 449  
Wyandot county. 450

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 451  
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 452  
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 453  
county. 454

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 455  
Wert county. 456

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 457  
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 458  
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 459  
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 460

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 461  
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 462  
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 463  
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 464

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 465  
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 466  
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 467  
county. 468

The Washington Court House municipal court has 469  
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 470

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 471  
Wayne county. 472

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 473  
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 474  
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 475  
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 476  
county. 477

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 478  
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 479

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 480  
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 481  
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 482  
Greene county. 483

(C) As used in this section: 484

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 485  
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 486  
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 487  
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 488  
governmentally a part of the township. 489

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 490  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 491  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 492

corporation.	493
<b>Sec. 2301.02.</b> The number of judges of the court of common	494
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the	495
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms	496
shall be as follows:	497
(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one	498
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957;	499
In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan,	500
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954,	501
term to begin February 9, 1955;	502
In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term	503
to begin January 9, 1957;	504
In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin,	505
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and	506
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to	507
begin January 1, 1957;	508
In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	509
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006,	510
term to begin January 1, 2007;	511
In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	512
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004,	513
term to begin January 2, 2005;	514
In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble,	515
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be	516
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	517
In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in	518
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	519
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009;	520

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	521 522
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005;	523 524 525
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	526 527
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;	528 529
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	530 531
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979.	532 533 534
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	535 536 537 538
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979;	539 540 541 542
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;	543 544 545
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004,	546 547 548

term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in	549
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	550
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in	551
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected	552
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be	553
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	554
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	555
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	556
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	557
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	558
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	559
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	560
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	561
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	562
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	563
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	564
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	565
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	566
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	567
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	568
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	569
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	570
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	571
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	572
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	573
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	574
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	575
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	576

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	577
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	578
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	579
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	580
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	581
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	582
term to begin January 2, 2003;	583
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	584
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	585
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	586
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	587
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	588
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	589
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	590
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	591
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	592
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	593
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	594
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	595
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	596
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	597
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	598
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	599
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	600
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	601
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	602
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	603
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	604
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	605

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 606  
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 607  
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected 608  
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991; 609

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be 610  
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 611  
1955, respectively; 612

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 613  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 614  
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 615  
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 616  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 617

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 618  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 619  
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 620  
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 621  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected 622  
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 623

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 624  
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 625  
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 626

In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in 627  
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 628  
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 629  
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 630

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 631  
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 632  
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 633  
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 634

elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 2001;

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

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

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

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in

1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 665  
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 666

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 667  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 668  
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 669

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 670  
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 671  
term to begin January 2, 1969; 672

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 673  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 674  
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 675  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 676  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 677  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 678  
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 679

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 680  
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 681  
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 682  
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 683  
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 684  
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 685  
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 686  
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 687  
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 688  
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 689  
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 690  
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 691  
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 692  
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 693  
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 694

January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 695  
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 696  
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 697  
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 698

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 699  
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 700  
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 701  
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 702  
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 703  
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 704  
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 705  
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 706  
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 707  
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 708  
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 709  
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 710  
2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 711  
one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 712  
one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 23, 2021; 713

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 714  
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 715  
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 716  
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 717  
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 718  
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 719  
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 720  
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 721  
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 722  
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 723  
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 724  
1997, respectively; 725

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

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

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

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 757  
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 758  
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 759  
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 760  
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 761  
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 762  
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 763  
respectively; 764

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 765  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 766  
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 767  
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 768  
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 769  
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 770  
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 771  
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 772  
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 773  
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 774

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 775  
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 776  
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 777  
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 778  
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 779  
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 780  
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 781  
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 782  
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 783  
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 784  
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 785  
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 786  
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 787

that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 788  
be reduced. 789

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 790  
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 791  
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 792  
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 793  
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 794  
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 795  
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 796  
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 797  
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 798  
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 799  
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 800  
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 801  
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 802  
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 803  
probate division. 804

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 805  
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 806  
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 807  
1997, January 9, 2019, and January ~~2~~3, 2021, and successors, 808  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 809  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 810  
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 811  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 812  
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 813  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 814  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 815  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 816  
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 817  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 818

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 819  
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 820  
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 821  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 822  
subdivisions and departments. 823

(B) In Hamilton county: 824

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 825  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 826  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 827  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 828  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 829  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 830

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 831  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 832  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 833  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 834  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 835  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 836  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 837  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 838  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 839  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 840  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 841  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 842  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 843  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 844  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 845  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 846  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 847  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 848

of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 849  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 850  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 851  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 852  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 853  
year. 854

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 855  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 856  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 857  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 858  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 859  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 860  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 861  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 862  
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 863

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 864  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 865  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 866  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 867  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 868  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 869  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 870  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 871  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 872  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 873  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 874

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 875  
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 876  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 877  
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 878

division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 879  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 880  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 881  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 882  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 883  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 884  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 885  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 886  
division of domestic relations. 887

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 888  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 889  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 890  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 891  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 892  
relations. 893

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 894  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 895  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 896  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 897  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 898  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 899  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 900  
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 901  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 902  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 903

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 904  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 905  
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 906  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 907  
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 908

drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 909  
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 910  
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 911  
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 912  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 913  
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 914

A judge of the general division of the court of common 915  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 916  
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 917  
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 918  
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 919  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 920  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 921  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 922  
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 923  
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 924  
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 925  
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 926  
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 927

A judge of the general division of the court of common 928  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 929  
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 930  
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 931  
both of the following apply: 932

(a) One of the following applies: 933

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 934  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 935  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 936  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 937  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 938

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 939  
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 940  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 941  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 942  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 943  
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 944  
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 945  
treatment. 946

(b) All of the following apply: 947

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 948  
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 949  
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 950  
to be imposed. 951

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 952

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 953

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 954  
drug or alcohol driven. 955

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 956  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 957

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 958

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 959  
prosecutor approves of the referral. 960

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 961  
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 962  
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 963  
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 964  
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 965  
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 966

drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 967  
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 968  
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 969  
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 970  
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 971

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 972  
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 973  
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 974  
Revised Code. 975

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 976

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 977  
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 978  
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 979  
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 980  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 981  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 982  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 983  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 984  
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 985  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 986  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 987  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 988  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 989  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 990  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 991  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 992  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 993  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 994  
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 995  
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 996

and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 997  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 998  
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 999  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 1000  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1001  
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1002

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 1003  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1004  
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 1005  
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 1006  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 1007  
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 1008  
Code. 1009

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1010  
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 1011  
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 1012  
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 1013  
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1014  
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 1015  
probate judge. 1016

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1017  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1018  
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 1019  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 1020  
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 1021  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1022  
relations. 1023

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1024  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1025  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 1026

the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1027  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1028  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1029  
relations. 1030

(D) In Lucas county: 1031

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1032  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 1033  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1034  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1035  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 1036  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1037  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1038  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 1039  
assigned to them. 1040

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1041  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1042  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1043  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1044  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 1045  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1046

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1047  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 1048  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1049  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1050  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 1051  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1052  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1053  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1054  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1055  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1056

juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1057  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1058  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1059  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1060  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1061  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 1062  
in the discharge of their various duties. 1063

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1064  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1065  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1066  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 1067  
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 1068  
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 1069  
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1070  
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 1071  
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 1072  
parties to an action pending in the division. 1073

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1074  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1075  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1076  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1077  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 1078  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 1079

(E) In Mahoning county: 1080

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1081  
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1082  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1083  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1084  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1085  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1086

relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1087  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 1088  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1089  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 1090  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 1091  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 1092  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1093  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1094  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1095  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 1096  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 1097

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1098  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1099  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1100  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1101  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1102  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1103  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1104  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1105  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1106  
action pending in the division. 1107

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1108  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1109  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1110  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1111  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1112  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1113  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1114  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1115  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1116  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1117

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1118  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 1119  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1120  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1121  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1122  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1123

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1124  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1125  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1126  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1127  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1128  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 1129  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1130  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1131  
action pending in the division. 1132

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1133  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1134  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1135  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1136  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 1137  
of common pleas. 1138

(F) In Montgomery county: 1139

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1140  
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 1141  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1142  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1143  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1144  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1145  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1146  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1147

and annulment cases. 1148

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1149  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1150  
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 1151  
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 1152  
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1153  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1154  
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 1155  
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 1156  
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 1157  
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 1158  
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1159  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1160  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1161  
fix their duties. 1162

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1163  
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 1164  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1165  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1166  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 1167  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1168  
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 1169  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 1170  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 1171

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1172  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1173  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1174  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1175  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1176  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1177

engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1178  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1179  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1180  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1181  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1182  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1183  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1184  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1185  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1186  
the division. 1187

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1188  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1189  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1190  
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 1191  
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 1192  
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 1193  
of those divisions. 1194

(G) In Richland county: 1195

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1196  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 1197  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1198  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1199  
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 1200  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1201  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 1202  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1203  
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 1204  
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 1205  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1206  
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 1207

jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 1208  
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 1209  
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 1210  
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 1211  
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 1212  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 1213  
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 1214  
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 1215  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 1216  
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 1217  
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 1218  
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 1219  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1220  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1221  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 1222  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1223  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1224  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 1225  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 1226  
of those matters. 1227

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1228  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 1229  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1230  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1231  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1232  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1233  
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1234  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1235  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1236  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1237  
shall fix their duties. 1238

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

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

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall

fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1270  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1271  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 1272  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 1273  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1274  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1275

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 1276  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 1277  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 1278  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1279  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1280  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 1281  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 1282  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 1283  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1284  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1285  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1286  
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 1287  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 1288  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 1289

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 1290  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1291  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1292  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1293  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1294  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1295

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 1296  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1297  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 1298  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 1299

of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 1300  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 1301  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 1302  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 1303  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 1304  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 1305  
juvenile judge to serve. 1306

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 1307  
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 1308  
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 1309  
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 1310  
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 1311  
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 1312  
"the judge of the family court division." 1313

(I) In Summit county: 1314

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1315  
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 1316  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1317  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1318  
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 1319  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1320  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1321  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 1322  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1323  
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 1324  
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1325  
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 1326  
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 1327  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 1328  
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1329

and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 1330  
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 1331  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 1332  
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 1333  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1334

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1335  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1336  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 1337  
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 1338  
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 1339  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1340  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1341  
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 1342  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1343  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1344  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1345  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1346  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1347  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1348  
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1349  
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1350  
action pending in the division. 1351

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1352  
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1353  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1354  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1355  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1356  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1357  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1358  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1359  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1360

jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1361  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1362  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 1363  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1364  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 1365  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 1366  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 1367  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1368  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1369  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1370

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1371  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1372  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1373  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1374  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1375  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1376  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1377  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1378  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1379  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1380  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1381  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1382  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1383  
the division. 1384

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1385  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1386  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1387  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1388  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 1389  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1390  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1391

all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1392  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1393  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1394  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1395  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1396  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1397  
court of common pleas. 1398

(K) In Butler county: 1399

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1400  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1401  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1402  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1403  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1404  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1405  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1406  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1407  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1408  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1409  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1410  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1411  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1412  
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1413  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1414  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1415  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1416  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1417  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1418  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1419  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1420  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1421  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1422

action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1423  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1424  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1425  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1426  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1427  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1428  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1429  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1430  
division. 1431

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1432  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1433  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1434  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1435  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1436  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1437  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1438  
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1439  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1440  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1441

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1442  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1443  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1444  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1445  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1446  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1447  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1448  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1449  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1450  
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1451  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1452  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1453

assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1454  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1455  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1456  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1457  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1458  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1459  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1460  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1461  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1462  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1463  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1464  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1465  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1466  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1467  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1468  
various duties. 1469

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1470  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1471  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1472  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1473  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1474  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1475  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1476  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1477  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1478

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1479  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1480  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1481  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1482  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1483  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1484

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1485  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1486  
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1487  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1488  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1489  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1490  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1491  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1492  
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1493  
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1494  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1495  
some special reason. 1496

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1497  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1498  
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1499

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1500  
supervision; 1501

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1502  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1503

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1504  
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1505  
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1506  
legal separation and annulment matters. 1507

(M) In Lake county: 1508

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1509  
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1510  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1511  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1512  
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1513

designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1514  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1515  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1516  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1517  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1518  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1519  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1520  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1521  
division. 1522

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1523  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1524  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1525  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1526  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1527  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1528  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1529  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1530  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1531  
division, who request the services. 1532

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1533  
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1534  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1535  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1536  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1537  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1538  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1539  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1540  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1541  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1542  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1543  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1544

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1545  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1546  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1547  
the judge's various duties. 1548

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1549  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1550  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1551  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1552  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1553  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1554  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1555  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1556  
request the services. 1557

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1558  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1559  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1560  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1561  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1562  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1563

(N) In Erie county: 1564

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1565  
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1566  
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1567  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1568  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1569  
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1570  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1571  
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1572  
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1573  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1574

which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1575  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1576  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1577  
other judge. 1578

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1579  
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1580  
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1581  
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1582  
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1583  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1584  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1585

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1586  
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1587  
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1588  
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1589  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1590  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1591  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1592  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1593  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1594  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1595  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1596  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1597

(0) In Greene county: 1598

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1599  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1600  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1601  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1602  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1603  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1604

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1605  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1606  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1607  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1608  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1609  
court of common pleas. 1610

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1611  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1612  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1613  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1614  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1615  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1616  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1617  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1618  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1619  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1620  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1621  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1622  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1623  
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1624  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1625  
general division of the court of common pleas. 1626

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1627  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1628  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1629  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1630  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1631  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1632  
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1633  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1634  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1635

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1636  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1637  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1638  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1639  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1640  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1641  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1642  
the judge's various duties. 1643

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1644  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1645  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1646  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1647  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1648  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1649  
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1650  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1651  
request the services. 1652

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1653  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1654  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1655  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1656  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1657  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1658  
division. 1659

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1660  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1661  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1662  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1663  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1664  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1665

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1666  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1667  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1668  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1669  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1670  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1671  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1672  
domestic relations division. 1673

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1674  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1675  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1676  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1677  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1678  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1679  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1680  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1681  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1682  
division, who request the services. 1683

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1684  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1685  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1686  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1687  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1688  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1689  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1690  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1691  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1692  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1693  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1694  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1695  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1696

domestic relations division. 1697

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1698  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1699  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1700  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1701  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1702  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1703  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1704  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1705  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1706  
division, who request the services. 1707

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1708  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1709  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1710  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1711  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1712  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1713  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1714  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1715  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1716  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1717  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1718  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1719  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1720  
domestic relations division. 1721

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1722  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1723  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1724  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1725  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1726

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1727  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1728  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1729  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1730  
division, who request the services. 1731

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1732  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1733  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1734  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1735  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1736  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1737  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1738  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1739  
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1740  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1741  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1742  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1743  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1744  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1745  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1746  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1747  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1748  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1749  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1750  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1751

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1752  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1753  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1754  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1755  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1756  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1757

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1758  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1759  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1760  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1761  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1762  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1763  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1764  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1765  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1766  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1767

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1768  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1769  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1770  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1771  
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1772  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1773  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1774  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1775  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1776  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1777  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1778  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1779  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1780  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1781  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1782  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1783  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1784  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1785  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1786

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1787  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1788

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1789  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1790  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1791  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1792  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1793  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1794  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1795  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1796  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1797  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1798  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1799  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1800  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1801

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1802  
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1803  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1804  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1805  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1806  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1807  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1808  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1809  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1810  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1811  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1812  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1813  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1814  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1815  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1816  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1817  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1818  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1819

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1820

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1821  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1822  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1823  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1824  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1825  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1826  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1827  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1828  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1829  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1830  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1831  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1832  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1833  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1834  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1835

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1836  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1837  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1838  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1839  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1840  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1841  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1842  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1843  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1844  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1845  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1846  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1847  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1848  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1849  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1850

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1851  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1852  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1853  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1854  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1855  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1856  
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1857  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1858  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1859  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1860  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1861  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1862  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1863  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1864  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1865  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1866  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1867  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1868  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1869

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1870  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1871  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1872  
personnel of the division. 1873

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1874  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1875  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1876  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1877  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1878  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1879  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1880  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1881

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1882  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1883  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1884  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1885  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1886  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1887  
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1888  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1889  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1890  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1891  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1892  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1893  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1894  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1895  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1896  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1897  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1898  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1899  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1900  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1901  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1902  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1903  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1904  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1905

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1906  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1907  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1908  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1909  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1910  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1911  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1912

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1913  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1914  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1915  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1916  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1917  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1918  
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1919  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1920  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1921  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1922  
and the judges of the general division. 1923

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1924  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1925  
children services board and the county advisory board. 1926

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1927  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1928  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1929  
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1930  
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1931  
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1932  
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1933  
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1934  
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1935  
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1936  
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1937  
domestic relations of that court. 1938

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1939  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1940  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1941  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1942

of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1943  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1944  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1945  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1946  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1947  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1948  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1949  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1950  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1951  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1952  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1953  
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1954  
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1955  
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1956  
the personnel of the division. 1957

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1958  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1959  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1960  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1961  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1962  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1963  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1964  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1965  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1966  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1967  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1968  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1969  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1970  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1971  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1972

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1973

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1974  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1975  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1976  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1977  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1978  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1979  
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1980  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1981  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1982  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1983  
duties. 1984

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1985  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1986  
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1987  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1988  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1989  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1990  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1991  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1992  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1993  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1994  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1995  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1996  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1997  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1998  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1999  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2000  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2001  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2002  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2003  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 2004

of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2005  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 2006  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2007  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 2008  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 2009  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 2010  
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 2011  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 2012  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 2013  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 2014  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 2015  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 2016  
(Z)(1) of this section. 2017

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2018  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2019  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2020  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 2021  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2022  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 2023  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 2024  
pleas of Marion county. 2025

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 2026  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 2027  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 2028  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 2029  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2030  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 2031  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2032  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2033  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2034  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2035

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2036  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2037  
common pleas of Marion county. 2038

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2039  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 2040  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2041  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2042  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 2043  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 2044  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2045  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2046  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2047  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2048  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2049  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2050  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2051  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2052  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2053  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2054  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2055  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2056  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2057

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2058  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2059  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2060  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2061  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2062  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2063  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2064  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2065  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2066

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2067  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2068  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 2069  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2070  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2071  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2072

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 2073  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 2074  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2075  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2076  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 2077  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2078  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 2079  
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2080  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2081  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 2082  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 2083  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2084  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2085  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2086  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 2087  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 2088  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 2089  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 2090  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 2091  
the court of common pleas. 2092

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 2093  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 2094  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2095  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2096  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 2097

and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 2098  
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 2099  
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 2100  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 2101  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2102  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2103  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2104  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2105  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2106  
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 2107  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2108  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2109  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2110  
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 2111  
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 2112  
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 2113  
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 2114  
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 2115  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 2116  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 2117  
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 2118  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 2119  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 2120  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 2121  
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 2122  
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 2123  
section. 2124

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 2125  
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 2126  
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 2127  
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 2128

of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 2129  
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 2130  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 2131

(3) On and after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 2132  
April 5, 2019, all references in law to "the probate court," 2133  
"the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the 2134  
juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan 2135  
county, as being references to both "the probate division" and 2136  
the "family court division" and as being references to both "the 2137  
judge of the probate division" and the "judge of the family 2138  
court division." On and after ~~the effective date of this~~ 2139  
~~amendment~~ April 5, 2019, all references in law to "the clerk of 2140  
the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan 2141  
county, as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant 2142  
to division (CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the family 2143  
court division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 2144

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 2145  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 2146  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2147  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 2148  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2149  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2150  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 2151  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 2152  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 2153  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 2154  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 2155  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2156  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2157  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2158  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2159

support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2160  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2161  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2162  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2163  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 2164  
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 2165  
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 2166  
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 2167  
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 2168  
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 2169  
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 2170  
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 2171  
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 2172  
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2173  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 2174  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2175  
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 2176  
section. 2177

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 2178  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 2179  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 2180  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 2181  
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 2182  
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 2183  
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 2184  
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 2185  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 2186  
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2187  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2188  
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 2189  
probate division. 2190

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 2191  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 2192  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2193  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2194  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 2195  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2196  
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 2197  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 2198  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 2199  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 2200  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2201  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 2202  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 2203  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 2204  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 2205  
of common pleas. 2206

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2207  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2208  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2209  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 2210  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 2211  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 2212  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 2213  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 2214  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2215

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.02, 2301.02, and 2216  
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2217

**Section 3.** That the version of section 1901.02 of the 2218  
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2020, 2219  
be amended to read as follows: 2220

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by 2221  
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 2222  
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 2223  
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 2224  
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 2225  
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 2226  
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 2227  
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 2228  
"..... municipal court," inserting 2229  
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 2230  
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 2231

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 2232  
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 2233  
court"; 2234

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 2235  
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 2236  
court"; 2237

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 2238  
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 2239

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 2240  
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 2241

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 2242  
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 2243

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 2244  
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 2245

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 2246  
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 2247

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 2248

- be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 2249
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 2250  
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 2251  
court"; 2252
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 2253  
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 2254
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 2255  
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 2256
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 2257  
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 2258
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 2259  
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 2260
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 2261  
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 2262
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 2263  
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 2264
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 2265  
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 2266
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 2267  
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 2268  
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 2269  
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 2270  
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 2271
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 2272  
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 2273  
"Clinton county municipal court"; 2274
- (19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 2275

shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal  
court"; 2276  
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(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 2278  
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 2279  
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 2280

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 2281  
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 2282  
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 2283  
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 2284  
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 2285

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 2286  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 2287  
"Brown county municipal court"; 2288

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 2289  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 2290  
"Morrow county municipal court"; 2291

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 2292  
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 2293  
"Darke county municipal court"; 2294

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 2295  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 2296  
"Holmes county municipal court"; 2297

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 2298  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 2299  
"Carroll county municipal court"; 2300

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 2301  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 2302  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 2303

the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 2304  
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 2305  
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 2306  
court"; 2307

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 2308  
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 2309  
"Putnam county municipal court"; 2310

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 2311  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 2312  
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 2313  
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 2314  
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 2315  
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 2316  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 2317  
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 2318  
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 2319

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 2320  
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 2321  
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 2322  
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 2323  
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 2324  
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 2325  
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 2326

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 2327  
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 2328  
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 2329

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 2330  
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 2331  
the "Perry county municipal court"; 2332

(33) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 2333  
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 2334  
"Paulding county municipal court." 2335

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 2336  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 2337  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 2338

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 2339  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 2340  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 2341  
county. 2342

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 2343  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 2344  
county. 2345

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 2346  
Ashland county. 2347

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 2348  
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 2349

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 2350  
Athens county. 2351

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 2352  
within Auglaize county. 2353

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 2354  
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 2355

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 2356  
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 2357  
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, 2358  
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in 2359  
Summit county. 2360

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the 2361  
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, 2362  
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, 2363  
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within 2364  
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county. 2365

The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within 2366  
Logan county. 2367

The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme 2368  
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township 2369  
in Sandusky county. 2370

The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the 2371  
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, 2372  
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted 2373  
township, in Cuyahoga county. 2374

The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within 2375  
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, 2376  
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, 2377  
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising 2378  
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within 2379  
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, 2380  
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, 2381  
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county. 2382

Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal 2383  
court has jurisdiction within Brown county. 2384

The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams 2385  
county. 2386

The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within 2387  
Guernsey county. 2388

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	2389
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	2390
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	2391
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	2392
Stark county.	2393
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2394
Carroll county.	2395
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	2396
county.	2397
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction	2398
within Champaign county.	2399
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	2400
county.	2401
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within	2402
Ross county.	2403
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within	2404
Pickaway county.	2405
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2406
Clark county.	2407
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction	2408
within Clermont county.	2409
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2410
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	2411
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	2412
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	2413
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	2414
within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	2415

corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and	2416
St. Clair townships.	2417
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	2418
Coshocton county.	2419
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	2420
within Crawford county.	2421
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	2422
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	2423
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	2424
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	2425
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	2426
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	2427
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	2428
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	2429
municipal corporation of Bradford.	2430
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	2431
Defiance county.	2432
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	2433
Delaware county.	2434
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	2435
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	2436
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	2437
county.	2438
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2439
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	2440
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	2441
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	2442

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	2443
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	2444
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	2445
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	2446
Vermilion.	2447
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2448
municipal corporation of Beaver creek and within Bath and	2449
Beaver creek townships in Greene county.	2450
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	2451
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	2452
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	2453
Hancock county except within Washington township.	2454
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	2455
Franklin township in Warren county.	2456
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	2457
within Franklin county.	2458
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	2459
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	2460
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	2461
Gallia county.	2462
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	2463
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	2464
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	2465
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	2466
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	2467
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	2468
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	2469

<u>township, and within St. Clair <del>townships</del> township, except within</u>	2470
<u>the municipal corporation of Trenton, in Butler county.</u>	2471
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	2472
within Hamilton county.	2473
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2474
Hardin county.	2475
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	2476
of Highland county except within Madison township.	2477
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2478
Hocking county.	2479
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2480
Holmes county.	2481
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	2482
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	2483
corporation of Sandusky.	2484
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	2485
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	2486
townships in Lawrence county.	2487
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2488
Jackson county.	2489
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2490
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	2491
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	2492
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	2493
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	2494
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	2495
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	2496

Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	2497
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	2498
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	2499
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2500
Licking county.	2501
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	2502
county.	2503
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2504
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	2505
township, in Lorain county.	2506
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2507
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	2508
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	2509
county.	2510
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2511
Madison county.	2512
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	2513
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	2514
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	2515
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	2516
Richland county.	2517
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	2518
Washington county.	2519
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	2520
county.	2521
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	2522
Union county.	2523

The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	2524
Deerfield township in Warren county.	2525
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	2526
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	2527
townships in Stark county.	2528
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2529
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within	2530
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions	2531
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	2532
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas	2533
county.	2534
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2535
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-	2536
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick	2537
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield,	2538
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in	2539
Medina county.	2540
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2541
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	2542
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2543
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of	2544
Bradford that is located in Darke county.	2545
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2546
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and	2547
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	2548
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within	2549
Madison township, <u>except within the municipal corporation of</u>	2550
<u>Trenton</u> , and within all of Lemon township, except within the	2551
municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	2552

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships.

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

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox county.

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry county.

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

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

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

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

The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South

Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, 2581  
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and 2582  
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except 2583  
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 2584

The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the 2585  
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem 2586  
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake 2587  
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 2588  
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 2589  
Toledo municipal court. 2590

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 2591  
Ottawa county. 2592

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 2593  
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 2594  
Lake county. 2595

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 2596  
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 2597  
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 2598  
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 2599

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal 2600  
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 2601

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal 2602  
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county. 2603

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 2604  
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 2605  
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 2606  
in Wood county. 2607

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 2608

Portage county.	2609
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within	2610
Scioto county.	2611
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within	2612
Putnam county.	2613
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	2614
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview	2615
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in	2616
Cuyahoga county.	2617
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	2618
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	2619
Perkins township, in Erie county.	2620
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal	2621
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except	2622
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and	2623
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	2624
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	2625
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	2626
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	2627
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	2628
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and	2629
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32,	2630
in Richland county.	2631
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby	2632
county.	2633
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has	2634
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore	2635
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal	2636

corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 2637  
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The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning county. 2640  
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The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county. 2644  
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Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry township, except within the municipal corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county. 2650  
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The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 2657  
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The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within Wyandot county. 2660  
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The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery county. 2662  
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The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van Wert county.	2666 2667
The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	2668 2669 2670 2671
The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county.	2672 2673 2674 2675
The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull county.	2676 2677 2678 2679
The Washington Court House municipal court has jurisdiction within Fayette county.	2680 2681
The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within Wayne county.	2682 2683
The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake county.	2684 2685 2686 2687 2688
Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	2689 2690
The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within Caesar creek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugar creek, and Xenia townships in	2691 2692 2693

Greene county.	2694
(C) As used in this section:	2695
(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is physically located within the territorial boundaries of that township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is governmentally a part of the township.	2696 2697 2698 2699 2700
(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal corporation.	2701 2702 2703 2704
<b>Section 4.</b> That the existing version of section 1901.02 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2020, is hereby repealed.	2705 2706 2707
<b>Section 5.</b> Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2020.	2708 2709
<b>Section 6.</b> The version of section 1901.02 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2020, is presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. H.B. 215 and Sub. S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in this act.	2710 2711 2712 2713 2714 2715 2716 2717 2718 2719