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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1  
1901.03, 1901.08, 1901.181, 1901.311, 1901.34, 2  
and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the 3  
Fulton County Municipal Court in Wauseon on 4  
January 1, 2024, to establish one full-time 5  
judgeship in that court, to abolish the Fulton 6  
County County Court on that date, to provide for 7  
the election for the Fulton County Municipal 8  
Court of one full-time judge in 2023, to expand 9  
the jurisdiction of the Housing Division of the 10  
Toledo Municipal Court, and relative to the 11  
Hamilton County Municipal Court. 12

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 13  
1901.03, 1901.08, 1901.181, 1901.311, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of 14  
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 15

**Sec. 1901.01.** (A) There is hereby established a municipal 16  
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 17

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 18  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 19  
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 20  
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 21  
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 22  
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 23  
Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 24  
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 25  
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 26  
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 27  
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 28  
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 29  
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 30  
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, 31  
Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, 32  
Painesville, Parma, Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, 33  
Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, 34  
Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, 35  
Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, 36  
Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, 37  
Warren, City of Washington in Fayette county, to be known as 38  
Washington Court House, Wauseon, Willoughby, Wilmington, 39  
Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville. 40

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

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 49  
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 50  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 51  
county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 52  
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 53  
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 54  
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 55

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

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

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

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

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 75  
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 76  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 77

except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 78  
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 79  
legislative authority of that court. 80

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 106  
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- (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 108  
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- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal court"; 110  
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- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 113  
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- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 115  
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- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 117  
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- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 119  
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- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 121  
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- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 123  
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- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 125  
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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"; 127  
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- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 132

beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the	133
"Clinton county municipal court";	134
(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that	135
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal	136
court";	137
(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that,	138
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the	139
"Fairfield county municipal court";	140
(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana	141
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or	142
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of	143
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and	144
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court";	145
(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that,	146
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the	147
"Brown county municipal court";	148
(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that,	149
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the	150
"Morrow county municipal court";	151
(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that,	152
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the	153
"Darke county municipal court";	154
(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that,	155
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the	156
"Holmes county municipal court";	157
(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that,	158
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the	159
"Carroll county municipal court";	160

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 161  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 162  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 163  
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 164  
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 165  
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 166  
court"; 167

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

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

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

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

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 190  
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 191  
the "Perry county municipal court"; 192

(33) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 193  
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 194  
"Paulding county municipal court"; 195

(34) The municipal court established in Wauseon that, 196  
beginning January 1, 2024, shall be styled and known as the 197  
"Fulton county municipal court." 198

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 199  
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 200  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 201

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 202  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 203  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 204  
county. 205

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 206  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 207  
county. 208

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 209  
Ashland county. 210

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 211  
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 212

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 213  
Athens county. 214

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 215  
within Auglaize county. 216

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the	217
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	218
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within	219
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley	220
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn,	221
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in	222
Summit county.	223
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	224
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow,	225
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange,	226
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	227
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	228
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	229
Logan county.	230
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	231
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	232
in Sandusky county.	233
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	234
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	235
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	236
township, in Cuyahoga county.	237
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	238
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	239
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	240
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	241
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	242
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	243
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	244
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	245

Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	246 247
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams county.	248 249
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within Guernsey county.	250 251
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	252 253
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in Stark county.	254 255 256
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within Carroll county.	257 258
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	259 260
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	261 262
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	263 264
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	265 266
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	267 268
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	269 270
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	271 272

The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	273
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	274
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	275
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	276
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	277
within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	278
corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and	279
St. Clair townships.	280
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	281
Coshocton county.	282
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	283
within Crawford county.	284
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	285
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	286
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	287
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	288
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	289
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	290
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	291
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	292
municipal corporation of Bradford.	293
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	294
Defiance county.	295
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	296
Delaware county.	297
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	298
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	299

The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble county.	300 301
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	302 303 304 305
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and Vermilion.	306 307 308 309 310
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	311 312 313
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	314 315
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Hancock county except within Washington township.	316 317
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin township in Warren county.	318 319
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin county.	320 321
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	322 323
<u>Beginning January 1, 2024, the Fulton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fulton county.</u>	324 325
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	326

Gallia county.	327
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	328
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	329
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	330
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	331
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	332
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	333
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	334
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	335
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	336
within Hamilton county.	337
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	338
Hardin county.	339
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	340
of Highland county except within Madison township.	341
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	342
Hocking county.	343
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	344
Holmes county.	345
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	346
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	347
corporation of Sandusky.	348
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	349
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	350
townships in Lawrence county.	351
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	352
Jackson county.	353

The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	354
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	355
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	356
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	357
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	358
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	359
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	360
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	361
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	362
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	363
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	364
Licking county.	365
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	366
county.	367
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	368
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	369
township, in Lorain county.	370
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	371
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	372
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	373
county.	374
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	375
Madison county.	376
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	377
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	378
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	379
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	380
Richland county.	381

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

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 410  
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 411  
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 412

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 413  
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 414  
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 415

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 416  
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 417  
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 418  
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 419  
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 420  
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 421

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 422  
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 423

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within 424  
Knox county. 425

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry 426  
county. 427

The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction 428  
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, 429  
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, 430  
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in 431  
Tuscarawas county. 432

The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within 433  
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, 434  
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county. 435

The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the 436  
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield 437

township in Trumbull county.	438
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	439
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	440
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	441
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	442
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	443
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	444
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	445
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	446
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	447
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the	448
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	449
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	450
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the	451
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	452
Toledo municipal court.	453
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	454
Ottawa county.	455
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	456
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in	457
Lake county.	458
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	459
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale,	460
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn	461
Heights in Cuyahoga county.	462
Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal	463
court has jurisdiction within Perry county.	464
Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal	465

court has jurisdiction within Paulding county.	466
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	467
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	468
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships,	469
in Wood county.	470
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	471
Portage county.	472
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within	473
Scioto county.	474
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within	475
Putnam county.	476
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	477
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview	478
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in	479
Cuyahoga county.	480
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	481
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	482
Perkins township, in Erie county.	483
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal	484
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except	485
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and	486
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	487
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	488
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	489
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	490
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	491
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and	492
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32,	493

in Richland county.	494
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby county.	495 496
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	497 498 499 500 501 502
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.	503 504 505 506
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.	507 508 509 510 511 512
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.	513 514 515 516 517 518 519
The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county.	520 521 522

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within Wyandot county.	523 524
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.	525 526 527 528
The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van Wert county.	529 530
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.	531 532 533 534
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.	535 536 537 538
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.	539 540 541 542
The Washington Court House municipal court has jurisdiction within Fayette county.	543 544
The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within Wayne county.	545 546
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	547 548 549 550

county. 551

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 552  
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 553

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 554  
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 555  
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 556  
Greene county. 557

(C) As used in this section: 558

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 559  
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 560  
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 561  
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 562  
governmentally a part of the township. 563

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 564  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 565  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 566  
corporation. 567

**Sec. 1901.021.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in 568  
division (M) of this section, the judge or judges of any 569  
municipal court established under division (A) of section 570  
1901.01 of the Revised Code having territorial jurisdiction 571  
outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 572  
which it is located may sit outside the corporate limits of the 573  
municipal corporation within the area of its territorial 574  
jurisdiction. 575

(B) Two or more of the judges of the Hamilton county 576  
municipal court ~~shall~~may be assigned by the presiding judge of 577  
the court to sit outside the municipal corporation of 578  
Cincinnati. 579

(C) Two of the judges of the Portage county municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporation of Ravenna, and one of the judges shall sit within the municipal corporation of Kent. The judges may sit in other incorporated areas of Portage county.

(D) The judges of the Wayne county municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporation of Wooster and may sit in other incorporated areas of Wayne county.

(E) The judge of the Auglaize county municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of Wapakoneta and St. Marys and may sit in other incorporated areas in Auglaize county.

(F) At least one of the judges of the Miami county municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of Troy, Piqua, and Tipp City, and the judges may sit in other incorporated areas of Miami county.

(G) The judge of the Crawford county municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of Bucyrus and Galion and may sit in other incorporated areas in Crawford county.

(H) The judge of the Jackson county municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of Jackson and Wellston and may sit in other incorporated areas in Jackson county.

(I) Each judge of the Columbiana county municipal court may sit within the municipal corporation of Lisbon, Salem, or East Palestine until the judges jointly select a central location within the territorial jurisdiction of the court. When the judges select a central location, the judges shall sit at that location.

(J) In any municipal court, other than the Hamilton county

municipal court and the Montgomery county municipal court, that 609  
has more than one judge, the decision for one or more judges to 610  
sit outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation 611  
shall be made by rule of the court as provided in division (C) 612  
of sections 1901.14 and 1901.16 of the Revised Code. 613

(K) The assignment of a judge to sit in a municipal 614  
corporation other than that in which the court is located does 615  
not affect the jurisdiction of the mayor except as provided in 616  
section 1905.01 of the Revised Code. 617

(L) The judges of the Clermont county municipal court may 618  
sit in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 619  
within Clermont county. 620

(M) Beginning July 1, 2010, the judges of the Montgomery 621  
county municipal court shall sit in the same locations as the 622  
judges of the Montgomery county county court sat before the 623  
county court was abolished on that date. The legislative 624  
authority of the Montgomery county municipal court may determine 625  
after that date that the judges of the Montgomery county 626  
municipal court shall sit in any municipal corporation or 627  
unincorporated territory within Montgomery county. 628

(N) The judge of the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court shall 629  
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Tiffin and 630  
Fostoria on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the 631  
municipal corporation of Tiffin and within Adams, Big Spring, 632  
Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Liberty, Pleasant, Reed, Scioto, 633  
Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county shall be 634  
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 635  
municipal corporation of Tiffin. Cases that arise in the 636  
municipal corporation of Fostoria and within Loudon and Jackson 637  
townships in Seneca county, within Washington township in 638

Hancock county, and within Perry township, except within the 639  
municipal corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county, shall 640  
be filed in the office of the special deputy clerk located in 641  
the municipal corporation of Fostoria. 642

(O) The judge of the Fulton county municipal court shall 643  
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Wauseon and 644  
Swanton on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the municipal 645  
corporation of Wauseon and within Chesterfield, Clinton, Dover, 646  
Franklin, German, and Gorham townships in Fulton county shall be 647  
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 648  
municipal corporation of Wauseon. Cases that arise in the 649  
municipal corporation of Swanton and within Amboy, Fulton, Pike, 650  
Swan Creek, Royalton, and York townships shall be filed in the 651  
office of the special deputy clerk located in the municipal 652  
corporation of Swanton. 653

**Sec. 1901.03.** As used in this chapter: 654

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 655  
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 656  
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 657

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 658  
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 659  
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 660  
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 661  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 662

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 663  
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 664  
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 665  
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 666  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 667

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located. 668  
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(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located. 671  
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(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 1, 2018, also includes the Perry county municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2020, also includes the Paulding county municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2024, also includes the Fulton county municipal court. 674  
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(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 685  
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**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of their terms shall be as follows: 690  
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In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 693  
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In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	697 698
In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	699 700
In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	701 702
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	703 704
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	705 706
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017.	707 708 709 710 711
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	712 713 714
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	715 716 717
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	718 719
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	720 721
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	722 723

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983.	724 725
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	726 727 728 729 730 731
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	732 733
In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	734 735
In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	736 737
In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	738 739 740
In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until December 31, 2009.	741 742 743 744 745 746
In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	747 748
In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2001.	749 750
In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	751

be elected in 1963. 752

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 753  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 754  
elected in 1977. 755

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 756  
shall be elected in 1953. 757

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 758  
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 759  
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 760  
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 761  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 762  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 763

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 764  
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 765  
be elected in 1999. 766

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 767  
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 768  
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 769  
1955. 770

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 771  
judge shall be elected in 1957. 772

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 773  
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 774  
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 775  
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 776  
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 777

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 778  
judges shall be elected in 2001. 779

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	780 781
In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	782 783
In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	784 785
In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2013, respectively.	786 787 788 789 790 791 792 793 794
In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	795 796 797 798 799 800
In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the first day of January next after their election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the second day of January next after their election.	801 802 803 804 805 806
In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	807 808

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 809  
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 810  
2007. 811

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 812  
shall be elected in 1957. 813

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 814  
shall be elected in 1953. 815

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 816  
elected in 1973. 817

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 818  
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 819  
1973. 820

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 821  
shall be elected in 2007. 822

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 823  
be elected in 1951. 824

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall 825  
be elected in 1977. 826

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time 827  
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be 828  
elected in 2005. 829

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge 830  
shall be elected in 1989. 831

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall 832  
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 833  
1993. 834

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall 835

be elected in 1951. 836

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time 837  
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 838  
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 839  
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 840  
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 841  
shall be elected in 1997. 842

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 843  
be elected in 1975. 844

In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on 845  
January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023. 846

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 847  
shall be elected in 1981. 848

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 849  
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 850  
elected in 1981. 851

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 852  
be elected in 1963. 853

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 854  
be elected in 1953. 855

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 856  
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 857  
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 858  
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 859  
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 860  
the first day of January next after their election, except that 861  
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 862  
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 863

terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 864  
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 865

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 866  
shall be elected in 1989. 867

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 868  
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 869  
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 870  
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 871  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 872

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 873  
shall be elected in 1977. 874

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 875  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 876  
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 877  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 878  
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 879  
court until December 31, 2007. 880

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 881  
elected in 1967. 882

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 883  
be elected in 1951. 884

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 885  
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 886  
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 887  
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 888  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 889

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 890  
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 891

elected in 1975.	892
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall	893
be elected in 1955.	894
In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge	895
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	896
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges	897
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and	898
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal	899
court until the end of those judges' terms.	900
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time	901
judge shall be elected in 1981.	902
In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall	903
be elected in 1955.	904
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge	905
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	906
elected in 1971.	907
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	908
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	909
1967.	910
In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall	911
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	912
1973.	913
In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge	914
shall be elected in 1957.	915
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge	916
shall be elected in 1981.	917
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge	918

shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	919
elected in 1969.	920
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall	921
be elected in 1957.	922
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	923
be elected in 1951.	924
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	925
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	926
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	927
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	928
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	929
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	930
elected in 1965.	931
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge	932
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	933
elected in 1971.	934
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall	935
be elected in 1963.	936
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	937
be elected in 1957.	938
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	939
be elected in 1971.	940
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	941
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	942
elected in 1979.	943
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge	944
shall be elected in 1951.	945

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 946  
shall be elected in 1953. 947

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 948

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 949  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 950  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 951  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 952  
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 953  
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 954  
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 955  
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 956  
county county court that existed before that date whose term 957  
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 958  
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 959  
2011. 960

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 961  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 962  
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 963  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 964  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 965  
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 966  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 967

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 968  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 969  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 970  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 971  
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 972  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 973

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 974

term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 975  
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 976  
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 977  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 978  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 979  
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 980  
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 981  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 982  
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 983  
December 31, 2013. 984

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 985  
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 986  
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 987  
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 988  
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 989  
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 990

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 991  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 992  
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 993  
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 994  
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 995

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 996  
shall be elected in 1951. 997

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 998  
be elected in 2005. 999

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1000  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1001

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1002  
shall be elected in 1963. 1003

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1004 1005
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1006 1007
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1008 1009
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	1010 1011
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1012 1013
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1014 1015 1016 1017 1018
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1019 1020
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1021 1022 1023
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2019.	1024 1025 1026
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	1027 1028
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	1029 1030

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1031  
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In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1034  
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In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1985. 1039  
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In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part-time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal court until December 31, 2011. 1042  
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In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1048  
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In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. 1051  
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In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1053  
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person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1060  
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1061  
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In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1063  
shall be elected in 1957. 1064

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1065  
be elected in 1957. 1066

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1067  
be elected in 1995. 1068

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1069  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1070  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1071  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1072  
January 1, 2000. 1073

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1074  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1075  
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1076  
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1077  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1078  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1079

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1080  
shall be elected in 1953. 1081

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1082  
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1083  
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1084  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1085  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1086  
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1087  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1088

that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall

be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1116  
1971. 1117

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1118  
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1119  
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1120  
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1121  
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1122

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1123  
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1124  
elected in 1979. 1125

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1126  
shall be elected in 1951. 1127

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1128  
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1129  
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1130  
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1131  
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1132

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1133  
elected in 1977. 1134

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1135  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1136  
elected in 2013. 1137

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1138  
shall be elected in 1953. 1139

**Sec. 1901.181.** (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this 1140  
division and division (A) (2) of this section and subject to 1141  
division ~~(C)~~(B) of this section, if a municipal court has a 1142  
housing or environmental division, the division has exclusive 1143

jurisdiction within the territory of the court in any civil 1144  
action to enforce any local building, housing, air pollution, 1145  
sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code, ordinance, or 1146  
regulation applicable to premises used or intended for use as a 1147  
place of human habitation, buildings, structures, or any other 1148  
real property subject to any such code, ordinance, or 1149  
regulation, and, except in the environmental division of the 1150  
Franklin county municipal court, in any civil action commenced 1151  
pursuant to Chapter 1923. or 5321. or sections 5303.03 to 1152  
5303.07 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in 1153  
division (A) (2) of this section and subject to section 1901.20 1154  
of the Revised Code and to division ~~(C)~~(B) of this section, the 1155  
housing or environmental division of a municipal court has 1156  
exclusive jurisdiction within the territory of the court in any 1157  
criminal action for a violation of any local building, housing, 1158  
air pollution, sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code, 1159  
ordinance, or regulation applicable to premises used or intended 1160  
for use as a place of human habitation, buildings, structures, 1161  
or any other real property subject to any such code, ordinance, 1162  
or regulation. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (2) 1163  
of this section and subject to division ~~(C)~~(B) of this section, 1164  
the housing or environmental division of a municipal court also 1165  
has exclusive jurisdiction within the territory of the court in 1166  
any civil action as described in division (B) (1) of section 1167  
3767.41 of the Revised Code that relates to a public nuisance. 1168  
To the extent any provision of this chapter conflicts or is 1169  
inconsistent with a provision of section 3767.41 of the Revised 1170  
Code, the provision of that section shall control in a civil 1171  
action described in division (B) (1) of that section. 1172

(2) If a municipal court has an environmental division, if 1173  
the mayor of any municipal corporation within the territory of 1174

the municipal court conducts a mayor's court, and if any action 1175  
described in division (A) (1) of this section as being within the 1176  
jurisdiction of the environmental division otherwise is within 1177  
the jurisdiction of the mayor's court, as set forth in section 1178  
1905.01 of the Revised Code, the jurisdiction of the 1179  
environmental division over the action is concurrent with the 1180  
jurisdiction of that mayor's court over the action. 1181

(B) (1) If the judge of the environmental division of the 1182  
Franklin county municipal court or the judge of the housing 1183  
division of a municipal court is on vacation, sick, absent, or 1184  
is unavailable because of recusal or another reason, the 1185  
administrative judge of the court, in accordance with the Rules 1186  
of Superintendence for Municipal Courts and County Courts, shall 1187  
assign another judge or judges of the court to handle any action 1188  
or proceeding or, if necessary, all actions and proceedings of 1189  
the division during the time that its judge is unavailable. 1190

(2) The Franklin county municipal court may adopt, by 1191  
rule, procedures for other judges of the court to handle 1192  
particular proceedings arising out of actions within the 1193  
jurisdiction of the environmental division of the court when the 1194  
judge of that division is unable for any reason to handle a 1195  
particular proceeding at the time, or within the time period, 1196  
necessary for a timely or appropriate disposition of the 1197  
proceeding. Upon the adoption of and in accordance with those 1198  
rules, any judge of the court may handle any proceeding that 1199  
arises out of an action within the jurisdiction of the 1200  
environmental division of the court. 1201

(C) The following are in addition to the jurisdiction 1202  
granted under division (A) of this section: 1203

(1) The housing division of the Toledo municipal court has 1204

jurisdiction within its territory in any review or appeal of any 1205  
final order of any administrative officer, agency, board, 1206  
department, tribunal, commission, or other instrumentality that 1207  
relates to a local building, housing, air pollution, sanitation, 1208  
health, fire, zoning, or safety code, ordinance, or regulation, 1209  
in the same manner and to the same extent as in similar appeals 1210  
in the court of common pleas. 1211

(2) The housing division of the Toledo municipal court has 1212  
concurrent jurisdiction with the court of common pleas in all 1213  
criminal actions or proceedings related to the pollution of the 1214  
air, ground, or water within the territory of the municipal 1215  
court, for which a sentence of death cannot be imposed under 1216  
Chapter 2903. of the Revised Code. 1217

**Sec. 1901.311.** (A) A municipal court may establish one or 1218  
more branch offices and may appoint a special deputy clerk to 1219  
administer each branch office. Each special deputy clerk shall 1220  
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of 1221  
office, and, when so qualified, may perform any one or more of 1222  
the duties appertaining to the office of clerk, as the court 1223  
prescribes. Special deputy clerks appointed by the court 1224  
pursuant to this section shall receive such compensation payable 1225  
in either biweekly installments or semimonthly installments, as 1226  
determined by the payroll administrator, out of the city 1227  
treasury as the court may prescribe, except that the 1228  
compensation of any special deputy clerk of a county-operated 1229  
municipal court shall be payable out of the treasury of the 1230  
county in which the court is located. The court may require any 1231  
of the special deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three 1232  
thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of 1233  
duties. 1234

(B) The Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court shall establish a 1235  
branch office in Fostoria and shall appoint a special deputy 1236  
clerk to administer the branch office on a full-time basis. The 1237  
special deputy clerk shall take the oath of office, perform the 1238  
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk of court as the 1239  
court prescribes, and receive compensation as provided in 1240  
division (A) of this section. 1241

(C) The Fulton county municipal court shall establish a 1242  
branch office in Swanton and shall appoint a special deputy 1243  
clerk to administer the branch office on a full-time basis. The 1244  
special deputy clerk shall take the oath of office, perform the 1245  
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk of court as the 1246  
court prescribes, and receive compensation as provided in 1247  
division (A) of this section. 1248

**Sec. 1901.34.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1249  
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1250  
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1251  
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1252  
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1253  
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1254  
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1255  
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1256  
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1257  
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1258  
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1259  
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1260  
within the territory of the municipal court. 1261

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1262  
Columbiana county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson 1263  
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Paulding county, Perry 1264

county, Portage county, and Putnam county prosecuting attorneys 1265  
shall prosecute in municipal court all violations of state law 1266  
arising in their respective counties. The Carroll county, 1267  
Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison county, and Wayne 1268  
county prosecuting attorneys ~~and, beginning January 1, 2008, the~~ 1269  
Erie county prosecuting attorney, and beginning January 1, 2024, 1270  
the Fulton county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute all 1271  
violations of state law arising within the unincorporated areas 1272  
of their respective counties. The Darke county prosecuting 1273  
attorney shall prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all 1274  
violations of state law arising in the county, except for 1275  
violations of state law arising in the municipal corporation of 1276  
Greenville and violations of state law arising in the village of 1277  
Versailles. The Greene county board of county commissioners may 1278  
provide for the prosecution of all violations of state law 1279  
arising within the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal 1280  
court located in Greene county. The Montgomery county 1281  
prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the Montgomery county 1282  
municipal court all felony, misdemeanor, and traffic violations 1283  
arising in the unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, 1284  
Perry, and Clay and all felony violations of state law and all 1285  
violations involving a state or county agency arising within the 1286  
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1287  
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1288  
prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1289  
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1290  
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1291

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1292  
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1293  
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1294  
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1295

Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1296  
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1297  
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1298  
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1299  
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1300  
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1301

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1302  
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1303  
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1304  
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1305  
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1306  
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1307  
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1308  
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1309  
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1310

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1311  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1312  
Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter 1313  
into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county 1314  
in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1315  
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1316  
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1317  
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1318  
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1319  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1320  
Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county may enter 1321  
into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county 1322  
in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1323  
respective prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought 1324  
before the Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1325  
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1326

Ottawa county, Paulding county, Perry county, Portage county, or 1327  
Putnam county municipal court for violations of the ordinances 1328  
of the municipal corporation or for criminal offenses other than 1329  
violations of state law occurring within the municipal 1330  
corporation. For prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting 1331  
attorney and the municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to 1332  
be paid by the municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid 1333  
into the county treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the 1334  
office of the prosecuting attorney. 1335

**Sec. 1907.11.** (A) Each county court district shall have 1336  
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1337

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1338  
shall be elected in 1982. 1339

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1340  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1341  
elected in 1982. 1342

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1343  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1344  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1345  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1346

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1347  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1348  
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1349  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1350

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1351  
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1352  
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1353

~~In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge~~ 1354  
~~shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be~~ 1355

<del>elected in 1982.</del>	1356
In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1357 1358
In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1359 1360
In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively.	1361 1362 1363 1364
In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1995, respectively.	1365 1366 1367 1368 1369
In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1370 1371
In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1372 1373
In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1374 1375
In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1376 1377 1378
In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1379 1380
In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	1381 1382

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1383  
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1384  
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1385  
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1386  
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1387  
1, 2013. 1388

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1389  
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1390  
elected in 1994. 1391

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1392  
shall be elected in 1982. 1393

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1394  
shall be elected in 1982. 1395

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1396  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1397  
elected in 1982. 1398

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1399  
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1400  
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1401

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1402  
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1403  
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1404  
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1405

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1406  
1901.021, 1901.03, 1901.08, 1901.181, 1901.311, 1901.34, and 1407  
1907.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1408

**Section 3.** (A) Effective January 1, 2024, the Fulton 1409  
County County Court is abolished. 1410

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 1411  
proceedings pending in the Fulton County County Court at the 1412  
close of business on December 31, 2023, shall be transferred to 1413  
and proceed in the Fulton County Municipal Court on January 1, 1414  
2024, as if originally instituted in the Fulton County Municipal 1415  
Court. The Clerk of the Fulton County County Court or other 1416  
custodian shall transfer to the Fulton County Municipal Court 1417  
all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, papers, records, 1418  
books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and persons that 1419  
belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject to the 1420  
jurisdiction of the Fulton County County Court, or any officer 1421  
of that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, 1422  
executions, and proceedings at the close of business on December 1423  
31, 2023. 1424

(C) All employees of the Fulton County County Court shall 1425  
be transferred to and shall become employees of the Fulton 1426  
County Municipal Court on January 1, 2024. 1427

(D) Effective January 1, 2023, the part-time judgeship in 1428  
the Fulton County County Court originally elected in 1980 shall 1429  
be abolished. Effective January 1, 2024, the part-time judgeship 1430  
in the Fulton County County Court originally elected in 1982 1431  
shall be abolished. 1432

**Section 4.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 1433  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 1434  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1435  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 1436  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 1437  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 1438  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 1439  
as presented in this act: 1440

Section 1901.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1441
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	1442
Section 1901.02 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1443
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	1444
Section 1901.03 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1445
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	1446
Section 1901.08 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1447
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	1448
Section 1907.11 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1449
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	1450