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A BILL

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1
1901.027, 1901.03, 1901.08, 1901.181, 1901.31, 2
1901.311, 1901.34, 1907.11, 2151.23, and 2301.03 3
of the Revised Code to create the Fulton County 4
Municipal Court in Wauseon on January 1, 2024, 5
to establish one full-time judgeship in that 6
court, to abolish the Fulton County County Court 7
on that date, to provide for the election for 8
the Fulton County Municipal Court of one full- 9
time judge in 2023, to add one full-time judge 10
to the Fairborn Municipal Court, to expand the 11
jurisdiction of the Housing Division of the 12
Toledo Municipal Court, to abolish the East 13
Liverpool Municipal Court in Columbiana County, 14
to expand the jurisdiction of the Portage County 15
Domestic Relations Court, and relative to the 16
Hamilton County Municipal Court. 17

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 18
1901.027, 1901.03, 1901.08, 1901.181, 1901.31, 1901.311, 19
1901.34, 1907.11, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be 20
amended to read as follows: 21

Sec. 1901.01. (A) There is hereby established a municipal 22
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 23

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 24
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 25
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 26
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 27
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 28
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 29
Cleveland, ~~East Liverpool~~, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 30
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 31
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 32
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 33
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 34
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 35
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 36
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, 37
Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, 38
Painesville, Parma, Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, 39
Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, 40
Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, 41
Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, 42
Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, 43
Warren, City of Washington in Fayette county, to be known as 44
Washington Court House, Wauseon, Willoughby, Wilmington, 45
Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville. 46

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 47

Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 48
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 49
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 50
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 51
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 52
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 53
this division. 54

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 55
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 56
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 57
county, ~~except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or~~ 58
~~Liverpool or St. Clair township,~~ that is selected by the judges 59
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 60
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 61

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 62
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 63
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 64
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 65
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 66
authority of that court. 67

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 68
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 69
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 70

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 71
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 72

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 73
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 74
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 75
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 76

Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 77
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 78
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 79
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 80

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 81
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 82
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 83
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 84
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 85
legislative authority of that court. 86

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 87
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 88
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 89
for the Clermont county municipal court, ~~the Columbiana county~~ 90
~~municipal court,~~ and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 91
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 92
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 93
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 94
"_____ municipal court," inserting 95
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 96
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 97

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 98
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 99
court"; 100

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 101
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 102
court"; 103

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 104
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 105

- (4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 106
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 107
- (5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 108
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 109
- (6) The municipal court established in London that shall 110
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 111
- (7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 112
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 113
- (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 114
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 115
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 116
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 117
court"; 118
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 119
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 120
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 121
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 122
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 123
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 124
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 125
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 126
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 127
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 128
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 129
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 130
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 131
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 132

- (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";
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the "Clinton county municipal court";
- (19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court";
- (20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the "Fairfield county municipal court";
- (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";
- (22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Brown county municipal court";
- (23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Morrow county municipal court";
- (24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke county municipal court";

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 161
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 162
"Holmes county municipal court"; 163

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 164
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 165
"Carroll county municipal court"; 166

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 167
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 168
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 169
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 170
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 171
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 172
court"; 173

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 174
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 175
"Putnam county municipal court"; 176

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 177
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 178
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 179
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 180
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 181
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 182
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 183
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 184
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 185

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 186
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 187
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 188
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 189

townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 190
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 191
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 192

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 193
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 194
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 195

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 196
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 197
the "Perry county municipal court"; 198

(33) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 199
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 200
"Paulding county municipal court"; 201

(34) The municipal court established in Wauseon that, 202
beginning January 1, 2024, shall be styled and known as the 203
"Fulton county municipal court." 204

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 205
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 206
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 207

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 208
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 209
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 210
county. 211

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 212
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 213
county. 214

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

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 217

Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	218
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within Athens county.	219 220
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction within Auglaize county.	221 222
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	223 224
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in Summit county.	225 226 227 228 229
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	230 231 232 233 234
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within Logan county.	235 236
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township in Sandusky county.	237 238 239
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.	240 241 242 243
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	244 245

Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	246
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	247
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	248
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	249
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	250
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	251
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal	252
court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	253
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	254
county.	255
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	256
Guernsey county.	257
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	258
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	259
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	260
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	261
Stark county.	262
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	263
Carroll county.	264
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	265
county.	266
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction	267
within Champaign county.	268
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	269
county.	270
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within	271
Ross county.	272

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

The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within Defiance county.	300 301
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within Delaware county.	302 303
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	304 305
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble county.	306 307
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.	308 309 310 311
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.	312 313 314 315 316
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	317 318 319
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	320 321
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Hancock county except within Washington township.	322 323
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin township in Warren county.	324 325
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	326

within Franklin county.	327
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	328
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	329
<u>Beginning January 1, 2024, the Fulton county municipal</u>	330
<u>court has jurisdiction within Fulton county.</u>	331
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	332
Gallia county.	333
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	334
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	335
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	336
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	337
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	338
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	339
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	340
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	341
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	342
within Hamilton county.	343
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	344
Hardin county.	345
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	346
of Highland county except within Madison township.	347
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	348
Hocking county.	349
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	350
Holmes county.	351
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	352
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	353

corporation of Sandusky.	354
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	355
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	356
townships in Lawrence county.	357
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	358
Jackson county.	359
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	360
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	361
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	362
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	363
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	364
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	365
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	366
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	367
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	368
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	369
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	370
Licking county.	371
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	372
county.	373
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	374
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	375
township, in Lorain county.	376
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	377
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	378
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	379
county.	380

The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison county.	381 382
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.	383 384 385 386 387
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington county.	388 389
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion county.	390 391
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within Union county.	392 393
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within Deerfield township in Warren county.	394 395
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson townships in Stark county.	396 397 398
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 the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county.	399 400 401 402 403 404
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,	405 406 407 408

Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in Medina county.	409 410
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	411 412
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.	413 414 415
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	416 417 418
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	419 420 421
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.	422 423 424 425 426 427
Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	428 429
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox county.	430 431
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry county.	432 433
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover,	434 435 436

Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas county.	437 438
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	439 440 441
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield township in Trumbull county.	442 443 444
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.	445 446 447
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.	448 449 450 451 452 453
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 Toledo municipal court.	454 455 456 457 458 459
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within Ottawa county.	460 461
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in Lake county.	462 463 464

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 465
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 466
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 467
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 468

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal 469
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 470

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal 471
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county. 472

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 473
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 474
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 475
in Wood county. 476

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 477
Portage county. 478

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 479
Scioto county. 480

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within 481
Putnam county. 482

The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within 483
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview 484
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in 485
Cuyahoga county. 486

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 487
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 488
Perkins township, in Erie county. 489

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal 490
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except 491
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 492

Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	493
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	494
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	495
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	496
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	497
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and	498
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32,	499
in Richland county.	500
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby	501
county.	502
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has	503
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore	504
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal	505
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe	506
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	507
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	508
The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the	509
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and	510
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning	511
county.	512
The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the	513
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within	514
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within	515
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships	516
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike,	517
in Lucas county.	518
Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal	519
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton,	520
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed,	521

Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county,	522
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry	523
township, except within the municipal corporation of West	524
Millgrove, in Wood county.	525
The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within	526
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of	527
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county.	528
The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within	529
Wyandot county.	530
The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the	531
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and	532
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery	533
county.	534
The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van	535
Wert county.	536
The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the	537
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within	538
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal	539
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	540
The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the	541
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and	542
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer,	543
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county.	544
The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren	545
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township	546
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull	547
county.	548
The Washington Court House municipal court has	549

jurisdiction within Fayette county.	550
The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within Wayne county.	551 552
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.	553 554 555 556 557
Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	558 559
The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in Greene county.	560 561 562 563
(C) As used in this section:	564
(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.	565 566 567 568 569
(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.	570 571 572 573
Sec. 1901.021. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division (M) of this section, the judge or judges of any municipal court established under division (A) of section 1901.01 of the Revised Code having territorial jurisdiction	574 575 576 577

outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 578
which it is located may sit outside the corporate limits of the 579
municipal corporation within the area of its territorial 580
jurisdiction. 581

(B) Two or more of the judges of the Hamilton county 582
municipal court ~~shall~~may be assigned by the presiding judge of 583
the court to sit outside the municipal corporation of 584
Cincinnati. 585

(C) Two of the judges of the Portage county municipal 586
court shall sit within the municipal corporation of Ravenna, and 587
one of the judges shall sit within the municipal corporation of 588
Kent. The judges may sit in other incorporated areas of Portage 589
county. 590

(D) The judges of the Wayne county municipal court shall 591
sit within the municipal corporation of Wooster and may sit in 592
other incorporated areas of Wayne county. 593

(E) The judge of the Auglaize county municipal court shall 594
sit within the municipal corporations of Wapakoneta and St. 595
Marys and may sit in other incorporated areas in Auglaize 596
county. 597

(F) At least one of the judges of the Miami county 598
municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of 599
Troy, Piqua, and Tipp City, and the judges may sit in other 600
incorporated areas of Miami county. 601

(G) The judge of the Crawford county municipal court shall 602
sit within the municipal corporations of Bucyrus and Galion and 603
may sit in other incorporated areas in Crawford county. 604

(H) The judge of the Jackson county municipal court shall 605
sit within the municipal corporations of Jackson and Wellston 606

and may sit in other incorporated areas in Jackson county. 607

(I) Each judge of the Columbiana county municipal court 608
may sit within the municipal corporation of Lisbon, Salem, or 609
East Palestine until the judges jointly select a central 610
location within the territorial jurisdiction of the court. When 611
the judges select a central location, the judges shall sit at 612
that location. 613

(J) In any municipal court, other than the Hamilton county 614
municipal court and the Montgomery county municipal court, that 615
has more than one judge, the decision for one or more judges to 616
sit outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation 617
shall be made by rule of the court as provided in division (C) 618
of sections 1901.14 and 1901.16 of the Revised Code. 619

(K) The assignment of a judge to sit in a municipal 620
corporation other than that in which the court is located does 621
not affect the jurisdiction of the mayor except as provided in 622
section 1905.01 of the Revised Code. 623

(L) The judges of the Clermont county municipal court may 624
sit in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 625
within Clermont county. 626

(M) Beginning July 1, 2010, the judges of the Montgomery 627
county municipal court shall sit in the same locations as the 628
judges of the Montgomery county county court sat before the 629
county court was abolished on that date. The legislative 630
authority of the Montgomery county municipal court may determine 631
after that date that the judges of the Montgomery county 632
municipal court shall sit in any municipal corporation or 633
unincorporated territory within Montgomery county. 634

(N) The judge of the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court shall 635

sit within each of the municipal corporations of Tiffin and 636
Fostoria on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the 637
municipal corporation of Tiffin and within Adams, Big Spring, 638
Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Liberty, Pleasant, Reed, Scioto, 639
Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county shall be 640
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 641
municipal corporation of Tiffin. Cases that arise in the 642
municipal corporation of Fostoria and within Loudon and Jackson 643
townships in Seneca county, within Washington township in 644
Hancock county, and within Perry township, except within the 645
municipal corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county, shall 646
be filed in the office of the special deputy clerk located in 647
the municipal corporation of Fostoria. 648

(O) The judge of the Fulton county municipal court shall 649
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Wauseon and 650
Swanton on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the municipal 651
corporation of Wauseon and within Chesterfield, Clinton, Dover, 652
Franklin, German, and Gorham townships in Fulton county shall be 653
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 654
municipal corporation of Wauseon. Cases that arise in the 655
municipal corporation of Swanton and within Amboy, Fulton, Pike, 656
Swan Creek, Royalton, and York townships shall be filed in the 657
office of the special deputy clerk located in the municipal 658
corporation of Swanton. 659

Sec. 1901.027. In addition to the territorial jurisdiction 660
conferred by section 1901.02 of the Revised Code, the municipal 661
courts established in Athens, Batavia, ~~East Liverpool,~~ 662
Gallipolis, Georgetown, Cincinnati, Ironton, Chesapeake, 663
Marietta, Portsmouth, and Steubenville and the municipal court 664
established within Columbiana county that is described in 665
division (C) of section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have 666

jurisdiction beyond the north or northwest shore of the Ohio 667
river extending to the opposite shore line, between the extended 668
boundary lines of any adjacent municipal courts or adjacent 669
county courts. Each of the municipal courts that is given 670
jurisdiction on the Ohio river by this section has concurrent 671
jurisdiction on the Ohio river with any adjacent municipal 672
courts or adjacent county courts that border on that river and 673
with any court of Kentucky or of West Virginia that borders on 674
the Ohio river and that has jurisdiction on the Ohio river under 675
the law of Kentucky or the law of West Virginia, whichever is 676
applicable, or under federal law. 677

Sec. 1901.03. As used in this chapter: 678

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 679
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 680
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 681

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 682
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 683
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 684
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 685
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 686

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 687
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 688
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 689
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 690
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 691

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 692
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 693
operated municipal court, is located. 694

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 695

corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 696
operated municipal court, is located. 697

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 698
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, 699
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, 700
Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 701
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 702
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 703
county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 704
1, 2018, also includes the Perry county municipal court, and, 705
effective January 1, 2020, also includes the Paulding county 706
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2024, also includes 707
the Fulton county municipal court. 708

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 709
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 710
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 711
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 712
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 713

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 714
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 715
their terms shall be as follows: 716

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 717
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 718
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 719
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 720

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 721
be elected in 1953. 722

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 723
be elected in 1951. 724

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	725 726
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	727 728
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	729 730
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.	731 732 733 734 735
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	736 737 738
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	739 740 741
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	742 743
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	744 745
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	746 747
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983.	748 749
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-	750 751

time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 752
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 753
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 754
until December 31, 2005. 755

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 756
elected in 1965. 757

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 758
shall be elected in 1951. 759

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 760
be elected in 1963. 761

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 762
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 763
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 764

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 765
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 766
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 767
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 768
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 769
December 31, 2009. 770

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

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 773
judge shall be elected in 2001. 774

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 775
be elected in 1963. 776

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 777
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 778
elected in 1977. 779

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	780 781
In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the end of their respective terms.	782 783 784 785 786 787
In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1999.	788 789 790
In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 1955.	791 792 793 794
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	795 796
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	797 798 799 800 801
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 2001.	802 803
In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	804 805
In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	806 807

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977. 808
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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. 810
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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. 819
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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. 825
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In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957. 831
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In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. 833
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In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 836

shall be elected in 1957.	837
In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	838 839
In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	840 841
In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	842 843 844
In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007.	845 846
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	847 848
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977, <u>and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023.</u>	849 850 851
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	852 853 854
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	855 856
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	857 858 859
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	860 861
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be	862 863

elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 864
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 865
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 866
shall be elected in 1997. 867

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 868
be elected in 1975. 869

In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on 870
January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023. 871

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 872
shall be elected in 1981. 873

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 874
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 875
elected in 1981. 876

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 877
be elected in 1963. 878

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 879
be elected in 1953. 880

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 881
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 882
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 883
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 884
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 885
the first day of January next after their election, except that 886
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 887
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 888
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 889
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 890

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 891

shall be elected in 1989. 892

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 893
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 894
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 895
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 896
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 897

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 898
shall be elected in 1977. 899

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 900
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 901
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 902
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 903
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 904
court until December 31, 2007. 905

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 906
elected in 1967. 907

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 908
be elected in 1951. 909

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 910
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 911
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 912
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 913
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 914

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 915
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 916
elected in 1975. 917

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 918
be elected in 1955. 919

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 920
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 921
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 922
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 923
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 924
court until the end of those judges' terms. 925

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 926
judge shall be elected in 1981. 927

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 928
be elected in 1955. 929

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 930
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 931
elected in 1971. 932

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 933
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 934
1967. 935

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 936
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 937
1973. 938

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 939
shall be elected in 1957. 940

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

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 943
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 944
elected in 1969. 945

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall 946
be elected in 1957. 947

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	948 949
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	950 951 952 953 954
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	955 956
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	957 958 959
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	960 961
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	962 963
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	964 965
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	966 967 968
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	969 970
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	971 972
In the Montgomery county municipal court:	973
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time	974

judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 975
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 976
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 977
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 978
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 979
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 980
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 981
county county court that existed before that date whose term 982
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 983
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 984
2011. 985

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 986
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 987
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 988
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 989
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 990
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 991
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 992

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 993
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 994
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 995
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 996
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 997
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 998

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 999
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1000
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1001
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1002
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1003
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1004

full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1005
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1006
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1007
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1008
December 31, 2013. 1009

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1010
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1011
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1012
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1013
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1014
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1015

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1016
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1017
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1018
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1019
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1020

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1021
shall be elected in 1951. 1022

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1023
be elected in 2005. 1024

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1025
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1026

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1027
shall be elected in 1963. 1028

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1029
elected in 1951. 1030

In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1031
be elected in 1975. 1032

In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1033
be elected in 1953.	1034
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1035
be elected in 1989.	1036
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1037
be elected in 1963.	1038
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	1039
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	1040
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as	1041
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,	1042
1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1043
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge	1044
shall be elected in 1951.	1045
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1046
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	1047
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1048
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established	1049
on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in	1050
2019.	1051
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on	1052
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	1053
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge	1054
shall be elected in 1977.	1055
In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time	1056
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall	1057
be elected in 1971.	1058
In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge	1059

shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1060
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1061
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1062
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1063

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1064
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1065
elected in 1985. 1066

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1067
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1068
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1069
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1070
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1071
court until December 31, 2011. 1072

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1073
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1074
elected in 1971. 1075

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1076
be elected in 1953. 1077

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1078
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1079
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1080
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 1081
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1082
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1083
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1084
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1085
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1086
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In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1088

shall be elected in 1957. 1089

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1090
be elected in 1957. 1091

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1092
be elected in 1995. 1093

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1094
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1095
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1096
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1097
January 1, 2000. 1098

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1099
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1100
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1101
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1102
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1103
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1104

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1105
shall be elected in 1953. 1106

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1107
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1108
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1109
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1110
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1111
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1112
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1113
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1114
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1115
court until December 31, 2009. 1116

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1117

shall be elected in 1963. 1118

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1119
be elected in 1963. 1120

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1121
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1122

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1123
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1124
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1125

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1126
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1127
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 1128
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 1129
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1130
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1131

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1132
be elected in 1959. 1133

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1134
be elected in 1957. 1135

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 1136
shall be elected in 1965. 1137

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 1138
shall be elected in 1981. 1139

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1140
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1141
1971. 1142

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1143
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1144

in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1145
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1146
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1147

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1148
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1149
elected in 1979. 1150

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1151
shall be elected in 1951. 1152

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1153
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1154
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1155
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1156
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1157

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1158
elected in 1977. 1159

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1160
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1161
elected in 2013. 1162

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1163
shall be elected in 1953. 1164

Sec. 1901.181. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this 1165
division and division (A) (2) of this section and subject to 1166
division ~~(C)~~(B) of this section, if a municipal court has a 1167
housing or environmental division, the division has exclusive 1168
jurisdiction within the territory of the court in any civil 1169
action to enforce any local building, housing, air pollution, 1170
sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code, ordinance, or 1171
regulation applicable to premises used or intended for use as a 1172
place of human habitation, buildings, structures, or any other 1173

real property subject to any such code, ordinance, or 1174
regulation, and, except in the environmental division of the 1175
Franklin county municipal court, in any civil action commenced 1176
pursuant to Chapter 1923. or 5321. or sections 5303.03 to 1177
5303.07 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in 1178
division (A) (2) of this section and subject to section 1901.20 1179
of the Revised Code and to division ~~(C)~~(B) of this section, the 1180
housing or environmental division of a municipal court has 1181
exclusive jurisdiction within the territory of the court in any 1182
criminal action for a violation of any local building, housing, 1183
air pollution, sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code, 1184
ordinance, or regulation applicable to premises used or intended 1185
for use as a place of human habitation, buildings, structures, 1186
or any other real property subject to any such code, ordinance, 1187
or regulation. Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (2) 1188
of this section and subject to division ~~(C)~~(B) of this section, 1189
the housing or environmental division of a municipal court also 1190
has exclusive jurisdiction within the territory of the court in 1191
any civil action as described in division (B) (1) of section 1192
3767.41 of the Revised Code that relates to a public nuisance. 1193
To the extent any provision of this chapter conflicts or is 1194
inconsistent with a provision of section 3767.41 of the Revised 1195
Code, the provision of that section shall control in a civil 1196
action described in division (B) (1) of that section. 1197

(2) If a municipal court has an environmental division, if 1198
the mayor of any municipal corporation within the territory of 1199
the municipal court conducts a mayor's court, and if any action 1200
described in division (A) (1) of this section as being within the 1201
jurisdiction of the environmental division otherwise is within 1202
the jurisdiction of the mayor's court, as set forth in section 1203
1905.01 of the Revised Code, the jurisdiction of the 1204

environmental division over the action is concurrent with the 1205
jurisdiction of that mayor's court over the action. 1206

(B) (1) If the judge of the environmental division of the 1207
Franklin county municipal court or the judge of the housing 1208
division of a municipal court is on vacation, sick, absent, or 1209
is unavailable because of recusal or another reason, the 1210
administrative judge of the court, in accordance with the Rules 1211
of Superintendence for Municipal Courts and County Courts, shall 1212
assign another judge or judges of the court to handle any action 1213
or proceeding or, if necessary, all actions and proceedings of 1214
the division during the time that its judge is unavailable. 1215

(2) The Franklin county municipal court may adopt, by 1216
rule, procedures for other judges of the court to handle 1217
particular proceedings arising out of actions within the 1218
jurisdiction of the environmental division of the court when the 1219
judge of that division is unable for any reason to handle a 1220
particular proceeding at the time, or within the time period, 1221
necessary for a timely or appropriate disposition of the 1222
proceeding. Upon the adoption of and in accordance with those 1223
rules, any judge of the court may handle any proceeding that 1224
arises out of an action within the jurisdiction of the 1225
environmental division of the court. 1226

(C) The following are in addition to the jurisdiction 1227
granted under division (A) of this section: 1228

(1) The housing division of the Toledo municipal court has 1229
jurisdiction within its territory in any review or appeal of any 1230
final order of any administrative officer, agency, board, 1231
department, tribunal, commission, or other instrumentality that 1232
relates to a local building, housing, air pollution, sanitation, 1233
health, fire, zoning, or safety code, ordinance, or regulation, 1234

in the same manner and to the same extent as in similar appeals 1235
in the court of common pleas. 1236

(2) The housing division of the Toledo municipal court has 1237
concurrent jurisdiction with the court of common pleas in all 1238
criminal actions or proceedings related to the pollution of the 1239
air, ground, or water within the territory of the municipal 1240
court, for which a sentence of death cannot be imposed under 1241
Chapter 2903. of the Revised Code. 1242

Sec. 1901.31. The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 1243
court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 1244
powers and duties as follows: 1245

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed 1246
or elected as follows: 1247

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana 1248
county, Hamilton county, Miami county, Montgomery county, 1249
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and through 1250
December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the 1251
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1252
thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 1253
the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 1254
be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 1255
territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 1256
election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1257

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1258
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1259
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1260
successor is elected and qualified. 1261

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1262
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1263

court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1264
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1265
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1266
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1267
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1268
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1269
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1270
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1271
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1272
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1273
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1274
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1275
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1276
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1277

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1278
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1279
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1280
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1281
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1282
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1283
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1284
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1285
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1286
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1287
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1288
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1289
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1290
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1291
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1292
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1293
Code. 1294

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

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

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the

primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1326
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1327
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1328
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1329
Revised Code. 1330

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1331
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1332
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1333
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1334
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1335
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1336
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1337
particular political party for election to that office, a 1338
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1339
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1340
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1341
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1342

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1343
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1344
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1345
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1346
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1347
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1348
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1349
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1350
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1351
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1352
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1353
successor is elected and qualified. 1354

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1355

this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1356
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1357
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1358
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1359
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1360
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1361
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1362
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1363
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1364
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1365
the territory of the court. 1366

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1367
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1368
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1369
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1370
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1371
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1372
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1373
Revised Code. 1374

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1375
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1376
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1377
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1378
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1379
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1380
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1381
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1382
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1383
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1384
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1385
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1386

Revised Code. 1387

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1388
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1389
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1390
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1391
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1392
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1393
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1394
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1395
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1396
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1397
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1398
successor is elected and qualified. 1399

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1400
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1401
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1402
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1403
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1404
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1405
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1406
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1407
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1408
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1409
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1410
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1411
electors of the territory of the court. 1412

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1413
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1414
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1415
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1416

3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1417
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1418
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1419
Revised Code. 1420

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1421
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1422
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1423
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1424
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1425
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1426
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1427
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1428
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1429
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1430
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1431
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1432
Revised Code. 1433

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1434
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1435
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1436
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1437
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1438
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1439
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1440
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1441
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1442
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1443
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1444
successor is elected and qualified. 1445

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1446

effect after December 31, 2008. 1447

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(h) of 1448
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1449
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1450
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1451
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 1452
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1453
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1454
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1455
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1456
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 1457
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1458
territory of the court. 1459

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1460
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1461
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1462
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1463
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1464
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1465
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1466
Revised Code. 1467

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1468
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1469
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1470
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 1471
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 1472
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1473
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1474
particular political party for election to that office, a 1475
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1476

a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1477
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1478
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1479

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1480
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1481
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 1482
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1483
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1484
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1485
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1486
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1487
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1488
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1489
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1490
successor is elected and qualified. 1491

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1492
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1493
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1494
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1495
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1496
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1497
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1498
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1499
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1500
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1501
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1502
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1503
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1504
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1505
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1506
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1507

Revised Code. 1508

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1509
county, ~~Columbiana county~~, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam 1510
county, Sandusky county, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1511
municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population 1512
of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk 1513
shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office 1514
until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 1515

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and 1516
Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a 1517
term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this 1518
section. 1519

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1520
Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1521
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1522
Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1523
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown 1524
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1525
county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for 1526
each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1527
1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge 1528
of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive 1529
the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The 1530
clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1531
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting 1532
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1533
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1534
municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall 1535
receive compensation payable from the county treasury in 1536
semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is 1537

prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1538
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1539
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1540
Code. 1541

~~(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of-~~ 1542
~~courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal-~~ 1543
~~court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office-~~ 1544
~~that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised-~~ 1545
~~Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of-~~ 1546
~~the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy-~~ 1547
~~clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that-~~ 1548
~~the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of-~~ 1549
~~Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county-~~ 1550
~~municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall-~~ 1551
~~receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly-~~ 1552
~~installments, as determined by the payroll administrator,-~~ 1553
~~compensation payable from the county treasury at one fourth the-~~ 1554
~~rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas-~~ 1555
~~as determined in accordance with the population of the county-~~ 1556
~~and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the-~~ 1557
~~Revised Code.-~~ 1558

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1559
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1560
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1561
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1562

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1563
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1564
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1565
Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs 1566
in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1567

population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1568
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1569
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1570
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1571
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1572
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1573
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1574
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1575
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1576
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1577
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1578
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1579
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1580
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1581
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1582
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1583
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1584
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1585
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1586
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1587
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1588
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1589
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1590
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1591
after the vacancy occurred. 1592

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1593
county, the Brown county, ~~the Columbiana county,~~ the Holmes 1594
county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1595
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1596
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1597
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1598

compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1599
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1600
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1601
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1602
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1603
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1604
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1605
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1606
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1607
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1608
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1609
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Perry 1610
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1611
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1612
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1613
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1614
expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar 1615
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1616
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1617
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1618
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1619
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1620
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1621
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1622
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1623
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1624
this section. 1625

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana 1626
county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, 1627
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 1628
population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 1629

in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 1630
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 1631
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 1632

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1633
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1634
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1635
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1636
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1637
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1638
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1639
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1640

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1641
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1642
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1643
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 1644
duties. 1645

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1646
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1647
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1648
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1649
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1650
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1651
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1652
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1653
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1654
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 1655
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 1656
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 1657
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 1658
or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 1659

court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 1660
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 1661
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 1662
all times. 1663

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1664
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 1665
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 1666
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 1667
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 1668
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 1669
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 1670
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 1671
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 1672
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 1673
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 1674
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 1675
entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 1676
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 1677
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 1678
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 1679
court. 1680

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 1681
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1682
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 1683
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 1684
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 1685
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1686
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1687
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1688
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1689
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1690

municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1691
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1692
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1693
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1694
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1695
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1696
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1697
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1698
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1699
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1700
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1701
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1702
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1703
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1704
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1705
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1706
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1707
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1708
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1709
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1710
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1711
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1712
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1713
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1714
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1715
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1716
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1717
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1718
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1719
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1720
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1721
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1722

as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1723

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1724
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1725
deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 1726
1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any 1727
interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city 1728
treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the 1729
interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which 1730
the court is located. 1731

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1732
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1733
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1734
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1735
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1736
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1737
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 1738
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1739
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1740
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1741
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1742
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1743
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1744
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1745

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 1746
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 1747
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 1748
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 1749
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 1750
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 1751
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 1752

treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 1753
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 1754
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 1755
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 1756
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 1757
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1758
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 1759
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 1760
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 1761
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 1762
of the deputy clerk's duties. 1763

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 1764
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 1765
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 1766
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 1767
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 1768
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 1769
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 1770
population of at least one hundred thousand. 1771

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 1772
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 1773
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1774
and receive verdicts. 1775

Sec. 1901.311. (A) A municipal court may establish one or 1776
more branch offices and may appoint a special deputy clerk to 1777
administer each branch office. Each special deputy clerk shall 1778
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of 1779
office, and, when so qualified, may perform any one or more of 1780
the duties appertaining to the office of clerk, as the court 1781
prescribes. Special deputy clerks appointed by the court 1782

pursuant to this section shall receive such compensation payable 1783
in either biweekly installments or semimonthly installments, as 1784
determined by the payroll administrator, out of the city 1785
treasury as the court may prescribe, except that the 1786
compensation of any special deputy clerk of a county-operated 1787
municipal court shall be payable out of the treasury of the 1788
county in which the court is located. The court may require any 1789
of the special deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three 1790
thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of 1791
duties. 1792

(B) The Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court shall establish a 1793
branch office in Fostoria and shall appoint a special deputy 1794
clerk to administer the branch office on a full-time basis. The 1795
special deputy clerk shall take the oath of office, perform the 1796
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk of court as the 1797
court prescribes, and receive compensation as provided in 1798
division (A) of this section. 1799

(C) The Fulton county municipal court shall establish a 1800
branch office in Swanton and shall appoint a special deputy 1801
clerk to administer the branch office on a full-time basis. The 1802
special deputy clerk shall take the oath of office, perform the 1803
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk of court as the 1804
court prescribes, and receive compensation as provided in 1805
division (A) of this section. 1806

Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1807
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1808
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1809
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1810
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1811
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1812

which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1813
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1814
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1815
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1816
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1817
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1818
within the territory of the municipal court. 1819

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1820
Columbiana county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson 1821
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Paulding county, Perry 1822
county, Portage county, and Putnam county prosecuting attorneys 1823
shall prosecute in municipal court all violations of state law 1824
arising in their respective counties. The Carroll county, 1825
Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison county, and Wayne 1826
county prosecuting attorneys ~~and, beginning January 1, 2008, the~~ 1827
~~Erie county prosecuting attorney, and beginning January 1, 2024,~~ 1828
the Fulton county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute all 1829
violations of state law arising within the unincorporated areas 1830
of their respective counties. The Darke county prosecuting 1831
attorney shall prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all 1832
violations of state law arising in the county, except for 1833
violations of state law arising in the municipal corporation of 1834
Greenville and violations of state law arising in the village of 1835
Versailles. The Greene county board of county commissioners may 1836
provide for the prosecution of all violations of state law 1837
arising within the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal 1838
court located in Greene county. The Montgomery county 1839
prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the Montgomery county 1840
municipal court all felony, misdemeanor, and traffic violations 1841
arising in the unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, 1842
Perry, and Clay and all felony violations of state law and all 1843

violations involving a state or county agency arising within the 1844
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1845
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1846
prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1847
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1848
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1849

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1850
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1851
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1852
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1853
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1854
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1855
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1856
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1857
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1858
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1859

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1860
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1861
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1862
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1863
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1864
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1865
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1866
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1867
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1868

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1869
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1870
Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter 1871
into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county 1872
in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1873

prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1874
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1875
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1876
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1877
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1878
Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county may enter 1879
into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county 1880
in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1881
respective prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought 1882
before the Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1883
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1884
Ottawa county, Paulding county, Perry county, Portage county, or 1885
Putnam county municipal court for violations of the ordinances 1886
of the municipal corporation or for criminal offenses other than 1887
violations of state law occurring within the municipal 1888
corporation. For prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting 1889
attorney and the municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to 1890
be paid by the municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid 1891
into the county treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the 1892
office of the prosecuting attorney. 1893

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 1894
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1895

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

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

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1901
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1902
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1903

commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1904

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1905
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1906
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1907
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1908

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1909
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1910
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1911

~~In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge 1912
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1913
elected in 1982. 1914~~

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1915
shall be elected in 1982. 1916

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1917
shall be elected in 1982. 1918

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1919
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1920
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1921
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1922

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1923
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1924
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1925
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1926
1995, respectively. 1927

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 1928
shall be elected in 1982. 1929

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 1930
shall be elected in 1982. 1931

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 1932
shall be elected in 1982. 1933

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1934
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1935
elected in 1982. 1936

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1937
shall be elected in 1982. 1938

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1939
be elected in 1982. 1940

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1941
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1942
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1943
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1944
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1945
1, 2013. 1946

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1947
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1948
elected in 1994. 1949

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1950
shall be elected in 1982. 1951

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1952
shall be elected in 1982. 1953

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1954
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1955
elected in 1982. 1956

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1957
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1958
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1959

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1960
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1961
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1962
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1963

Sec. 2151.23. (A) The juvenile court has exclusive 1964
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows: 1965

(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date 1966
specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is 1967
alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or 1968
an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic 1969
offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or 1970
dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation 1971
pertaining to the child, concerning the parent, guardian, or 1972
other person having care of a child who is alleged to be an 1973
unruly child for being an habitual truant or who is alleged to 1974
be a delinquent child for violating a court order regarding the 1975
child's prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an 1976
habitual truant; 1977

(2) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 1978
2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any 1979
child not a ward of another court of this state; 1980

(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of 1981
habeas corpus involving the custody of a child; 1982

(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the 1983
probate division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. 1984
of the Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe 1985
that a child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a 1986
mentally ill person subject to court order, as defined in 1987
section 5122.01 of the Revised Code; 1988

(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging adults with the violation of any section of this chapter;	1989 1990
(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code, provided the charge is not included in an indictment that also charges the alleged adult offender with the commission of a felony arising out of the same actions that are the basis of the alleged violation of division (C) of section 2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code;	1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001
(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 2151.56 of the Revised Code;	2002 2003
(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the reasons for taking the child into custody;	2004 2005 2006 2007
(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section 5103.15 of the Revised Code;	2008 2009 2010 2011
(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code;	2012 2013
(11) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to hear and determine a request for an order for the support of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of	2014 2015 2016 2017

marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil	2018
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an	2019
action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised	2020
Code;	2021
(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38	2022
of the Revised Code;	2023
(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38	2024
of the Revised Code;	2025
(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the	2026
parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged	2027
to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic	2028
offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining	2029
to the child;	2030
(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the	2031
determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required	2032
under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the	2033
Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a	2034
delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon the	2035
juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and	2036
Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by	2037
the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40;	2038
(16) To hear and determine a petition for a protection	2039
order against a child under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the	2040
Revised Code and to enforce a protection order issued or a	2041
consent agreement approved under either section against a child	2042
until a date certain but not later than the date the child	2043
attains nineteen years of age;	2044
(17) Concerning emancipated young adults under sections	2045
2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code;	2046

(18) To hear and determine a request for a court order to examine and interview a child who may be an abused, neglected, or dependent child under section 2151.25 of the Revised Code. 2047
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(B) Except as provided in divisions (G)~~and~~, (I), and (P) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has original jurisdiction under the Revised Code: 2050
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(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or any municipal ordinance; 2053
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(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code; 2057
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(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code; 2060
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(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court of this state; 2062
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(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under section 3111.28 of the Revised Code; 2065
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(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 3119.961 of the Revised Code; 2067
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(7) To receive filings under section 3109.74 of the Revised Code, and to hear and determine actions arising under sections 3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code. 2069
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(8) To enforce an order for the return of a child made under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction pursuant to section 3127.32 of the Revised Code; 2072
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(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws 2075
of this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a 2076
court of another state and registered in accordance with section 2077
3127.35 of the Revised Code. 2078

(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that 2079
are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a 2080
separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to 2081
hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or 2082
legal separation that involves the custody or care of children 2083
and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by 2084
the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the 2085
action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no 2086
certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court 2087
unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. 2088
After a certification of that nature is made and consent is 2089
obtained, the juvenile court shall proceed as if the action 2090
originally had been begun in that court, except as to awards for 2091
spousal support or support due and unpaid at the time of 2092
certification, over which the juvenile court has no 2093
jurisdiction. 2094

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 2095
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 2096
and determine all matters as to custody and support of children 2097
duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile 2098
court after a divorce decree has been granted, including 2099
jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of 2100
common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of 2101
children. 2102

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 2103
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 2104

and determine the case of any child certified to the court by 2105
any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within 2106
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this 2107
section. 2108

(F) (1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction 2109
in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and 2110
3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, 2111
sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the 2112
Revised Code. 2113

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 2114
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the 2115
Revised Code. 2116

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for 2117
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., 2118
and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay 2119
child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or 2120
after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, 2121
is found in contempt of court for failure to make support 2122
payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in 2123
addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess 2124
all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against 2125
the person and require the person to pay any reasonable 2126
attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the 2127
court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt. 2128

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an 2129
offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or 2130
older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged 2131
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution 2132
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, except as 2133
provided in section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, the juvenile 2134

court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case 2135
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is 2136
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section 2137
has jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and 2138
determine the case in the same manner as if the case originally 2139
had been commenced in that court, subject to section 2152.121 of 2140
the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, jurisdiction to 2141
accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized by Criminal 2142
Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and jurisdiction 2143
to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of conviction 2144
pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the child 2145
for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the 2146
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the 2147
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the 2148
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included 2149
offense, or for the commission of another offense that is 2150
different from the offense charged. 2151

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly 2152
commits an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult 2153
and if the person is not taken into custody or apprehended for 2154
that act until after the person attains twenty-one years of age, 2155
the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or 2156
determine any portion of the case charging the person with 2157
committing that act. In those circumstances, divisions (A) and 2158
(B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply 2159
regarding the act, and the case charging the person with 2160
committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and 2161
heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the 2162
offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older 2163
when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to 2164
the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having 2165

jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the 2166
authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal 2167
cases in that court. 2168

(J) In exercising its exclusive original jurisdiction 2169
under division (A)(16) of this section with respect to any 2170
proceedings brought under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 2171
Revised Code in which the respondent is a child, the juvenile 2172
court retains all dispositional powers consistent with existing 2173
rules of juvenile procedure and may also exercise its discretion 2174
to adjudicate proceedings as provided in sections 2151.34 and 2175
3113.31 of the Revised Code, including the issuance of 2176
protection orders or the approval of consent agreements under 2177
those sections. 2178

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 2179
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 2180
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 2181
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 2182
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2183
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2184
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 2185
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2186
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 2187
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2188
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 2189
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 2190
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2191
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 2192
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 2193
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 2194
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 2195
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2196

subdivisions and departments. 2197

(B) In Hamilton county: 2198

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 2199
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 2200
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 2201
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2202
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2203
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 2204

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2205
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 2206
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 2207
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 2208
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2209
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 2210
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 2211
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 2212
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 2213
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 2214
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 2215
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 2216
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 2217
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2218
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 2219
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 2220
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 2221
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 2222
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 2223
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 2224
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2225
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 2226

administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 2227
year. 2228

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 2229
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 2230
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2231
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2232
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2233
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2234
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2235
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2236
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 2237

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2238
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2239
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2240
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 2241
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 2242
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 2243
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2244
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2245
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 2246
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 2247
are parties to an action pending in the division. 2248

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 2249
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 2250
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 2251
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 2252
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 2253
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2254
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2255
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 2256

cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 2257
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 2258
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 2259
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 2260
division of domestic relations. 2261

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 2262
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 2263
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 2264
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 2265
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 2266
relations. 2267

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 2268
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 2269
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 2270
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 2271
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 2272
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 2273
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 2274
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 2275
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 2276
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 2277

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 2278
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 2279
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 2280
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 2281
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 2282
drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 2283
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 2284
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 2285
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 2286

dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 2287
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 2288

A judge of the general division of the court of common 2289
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 2290
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 2291
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 2292
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 2293
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 2294
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 2295
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 2296
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 2297
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 2298
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 2299
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 2300
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 2301

A judge of the general division of the court of common 2302
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 2303
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 2304
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 2305
both of the following apply: 2306

(a) One of the following applies: 2307

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 2308
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 2309
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 2310
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 2311
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 2312

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 2313
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 2314
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 2315

1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 2316
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 2317
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 2318
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 2319
treatment. 2320

(b) All of the following apply: 2321

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 2322
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 2323
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 2324
to be imposed. 2325

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 2326

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 2327

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 2328
drug or alcohol driven. 2329

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 2330
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 2331

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 2332

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 2333
prosecutor approves of the referral. 2334

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 2335
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 2336
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 2337
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 2338
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 2339
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 2340
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 2341
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 2342
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 2343

volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 2344
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 2345

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 2346
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 2347
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 2348
Revised Code. 2349

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 2350

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2351
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 2352
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 2353
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 2354
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2355
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2356
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 2357
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 2358
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 2359
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 2360
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 2361
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2362
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 2363
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 2364
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2365
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 2366
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2367
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 2368
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 2369
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 2370
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2371
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2372
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2373

separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 2374
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2375
other judge of the court of common pleas. 2376

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 2377
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2378
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 2379
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 2380
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 2381
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 2382
Code. 2383

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2384
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 2385
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 2386
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 2387
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2388
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 2389
probate judge. 2390

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2391
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2392
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 2393
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 2394
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 2395
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2396
relations. 2397

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2398
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2399
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 2400
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2401
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2402
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2403

relations. 2404

(D) In Lucas county: 2405

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2406
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 2407
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2408
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2409
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 2410
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2411
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2412
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 2413
assigned to them. 2414

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2415
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 2416
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 2417
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 2418
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 2419
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2420

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2421
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 2422
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2423
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2424
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 2425
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2426
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2427
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2428
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 2429
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2430
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 2431
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 2432
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 2433

and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2434
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2435
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 2436
in the discharge of their various duties. 2437

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 2438
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 2439
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 2440
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 2441
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 2442
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 2443
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2444
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 2445
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 2446
parties to an action pending in the division. 2447

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2448
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2449
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2450
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 2451
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 2452
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 2453

(E) In Mahoning county: 2454

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2455
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2456
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2457
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2458
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2459
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2460
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 2461
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 2462
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2463

of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 2464
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 2465
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2466
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2467
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2468
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2469
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 2470
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 2471

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2472
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2473
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2474
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2475
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2476
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2477
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 2478
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2479
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2480
action pending in the division. 2481

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2482
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 2483
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2484
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2485
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2486
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2487
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2488
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 2489
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 2490
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2491
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2492
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2493
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2494

the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2495
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2496
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 2497

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2498
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2499
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2500
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2501
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2502
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 2503
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2504
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2505
action pending in the division. 2506

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2507
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2508
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 2509
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 2510
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 2511
of common pleas. 2512

(F) In Montgomery county: 2513

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2514
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 2515
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2516
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2517
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 2518
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2519
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 2520
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2521
and annulment cases. 2522

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2523

point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2524
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 2525
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 2526
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2527
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2528
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 2529
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 2530
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 2531
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 2532
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2533
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2534
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2535
fix their duties. 2536

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2537
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 2538
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2539
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2540
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 2541
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2542
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 2543
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2544
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2545

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2546
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 2547
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2548
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2549
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2550
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 2551
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 2552
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2553
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2554

absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2555
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2556
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2557
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2558
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2559
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2560
the division. 2561

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2562
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2563
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2564
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 2565
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 2566
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 2567
of those divisions. 2568

(G) In Richland county: 2569

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2570
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 2571
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2572
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2573
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 2574
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2575
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 2576
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2577
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 2578
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 2579
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2580
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 2581
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 2582
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 2583
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 2584

and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 2585
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 2586
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 2587
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 2588
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 2589
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 2590
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 2591
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 2592
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 2593
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2594
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2595
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 2596
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2597
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2598
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 2599
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 2600
of those matters. 2601

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2602
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 2603
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2604
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 2605
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2606
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 2607
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 2608
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 2609
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 2610
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 2611
shall fix their duties. 2612

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2613
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2614
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2615

receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2616
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 2617
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2618
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2619
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2620
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2621
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2622
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2623
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 2624
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2625
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2626
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 2627
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 2628
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 2629
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2630
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2631
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2632

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2633
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2634
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 2635
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2636
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 2637
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2638
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 2639
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2640

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 2641
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2642
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2643
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2644
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2645
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 2646

conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 2647
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2648
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2649

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 2650
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 2651
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 2652
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2653
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2654
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 2655
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 2656
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 2657
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2658
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2659
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2660
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 2661
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 2662
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 2663

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 2664
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 2665
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2666
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 2667
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 2668
referees required for the judge's respective court. 2669

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 2670
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2671
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2672
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 2673
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 2674
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 2675
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 2676

employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 2677
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 2678
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 2679
juvenile judge to serve. 2680

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 2681
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 2682
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 2683
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 2684
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 2685
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 2686
"the judge of the family court division." 2687

(I) In Summit county: 2688

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2689
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 2690
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2691
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2692
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 2693
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2694
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2695
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 2696
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2697
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 2698
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2699
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 2700
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 2701
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 2702
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2703
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 2704
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 2705
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 2706

under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 2707
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2708

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2709
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2710
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 2711
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 2712
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 2713
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2714
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2715
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 2716
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2717
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2718
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2719
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2720
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2721
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 2722
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 2723
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2724
action pending in the division. 2725

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2726
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2727
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2728
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2729
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 2730
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2731
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2732
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2733
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2734
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2735
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2736
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 2737

custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 2738
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 2739
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 2740
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 2741
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2742
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2743
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2744

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 2745
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2746
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2747
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2748
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2749
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 2750
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2751
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2752
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2753
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2754
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2755
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2756
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2757
the division. 2758

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2759
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2760
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2761
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2762
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 2763
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2764
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2765
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2766
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2767
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 2768

all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2769
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 2770
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2771
court of common pleas. 2772

(K) In Butler county: 2773

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2774
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 2775
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2776
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2777
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 2778
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2779
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2780
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 2781
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2782
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2783
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2784
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 2785
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 2786
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 2787
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 2788
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 2789
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 2790
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 2791
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 2792
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2793
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2794
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2795
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2796
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2797
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 2798
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 2799

neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 2800
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 2801
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 2802
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2803
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2804
division. 2805

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 2806
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2807
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2808
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2809
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2810
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2811
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 2812
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2813
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2814
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2815

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2816
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 2817
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2818
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2819
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 2820
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2821
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2822
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2823
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 2824
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2825
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 2826
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 2827
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 2828
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 2829
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 2830

child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 2831
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 2832
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2833
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 2834
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 2835
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 2836
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2837
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 2838
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2839
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2840
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 2841
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 2842
various duties. 2843

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 2844
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 2845
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 2846
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 2847
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2848
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 2849
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2850
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2851
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2852

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2853
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2854
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2855
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 2856
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 2857
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2858

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 2859
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 2860

1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 2861
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2862
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2863
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 2864
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2865
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2866
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2867
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 2868
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 2869
some special reason. 2870

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 2871
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 2872
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 2873

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 2874
supervision; 2875

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 2876
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 2877

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 2878
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 2879
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2880
legal separation and annulment matters. 2881

(M) In Lake county: 2882

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2883
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2884
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2885
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2886
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 2887
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2888
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 2889

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2890
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2891
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2892
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2893
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2894
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2895
division. 2896

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2897
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2898
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2899
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2900
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2901
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2902
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2903
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2904
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2905
division, who request the services. 2906

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2907
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 2908
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2909
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2910
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 2911
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2912
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2913
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 2914
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2915
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2916
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 2917
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2918
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 2919
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 2920

referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 2921
the judge's various duties. 2922

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2923
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2924
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2925
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2926
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 2927
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 2928
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2929
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2930
request the services. 2931

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2932
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2933
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2934
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 2935
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 2936
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2937

(N) In Erie county: 2938

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2939
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 2940
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 2941
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2942
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 2943
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 2944
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2945
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 2946
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 2947
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 2948
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 2949
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2950

except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2951
other judge. 2952

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 2953
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 2954
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 2955
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 2956
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 2957
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 2958
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 2959

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 2960
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 2961
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 2962
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 2963
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 2964
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 2965
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2966
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 2967
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2968
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 2969
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 2970
provisions, of the Revised Code. 2971

(0) In Greene county: 2972

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2973
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2974
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2975
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2976
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 2977
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 2978
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2979
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 2980

reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 2981
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 2982
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2983
court of common pleas. 2984

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2985
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2986
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 2987
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 2988
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2989
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 2990
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2991
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2992
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2993
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 2994
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 2995
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 2996
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 2997
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 2998
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 2999
general division of the court of common pleas. 3000

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3001
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 3002
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3003
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3004
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 3005
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3006
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 3007
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3008
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 3009
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3010
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3011

and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3012
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3013
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3014
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3015
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3016
the judge's various duties. 3017

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3018
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3019
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3020
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3021
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3022
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3023
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 3024
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 3025
request the services. 3026

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 3027
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 3028
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 3029
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 3030
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 3031
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 3032
division. 3033

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 3034
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3035
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3036
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3037
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 3038
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3039
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3040
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3041

annulment cases ~~coming before the court,~~ all cases arising under 3042
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 3043
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3044
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3045
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3046
parenting time, and visitation, all proceedings arising under 3047
the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3048
3115. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under 3049
sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, all 3050
proceedings arising under the uniform child custody jurisdiction 3051
and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of the Revised 3052
Code, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from 3053
those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 3054
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 3055
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3056
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3057
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 3058
division. 3059

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3060
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3061
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3062
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3063
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3064
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3065
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3066
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the 3067
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3068
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3069
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3070
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 3071
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, proceedings 3072

arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, 3073
and proceedings arising under the uniform child custody 3074
jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of 3075
the Revised Code, and providing any counseling and conciliation 3076
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3077
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3078
division, who request the services. 3079

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 3080
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3081
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3082
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3083
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 3084
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3085
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3086
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3087
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3088
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3089
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3090
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3091
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3092
domestic relations division. 3093

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3094
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3095
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3096
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3097
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3098
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3099
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3100
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3101
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3102
division, who request the services. 3103

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 3104
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 3105
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3106
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3107
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 3108
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3109
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3110
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3111
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3112
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3113
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3114
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3115
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3116
domestic relations division. 3117

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3118
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3119
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3120
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3121
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3122
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3123
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3124
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3125
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3126
division, who request the services. 3127

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 3128
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 3129
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 3130
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 3131
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 3132
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 3133
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 3134

judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3135
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 3136
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 3137
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3138
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3139
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3140
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 3141
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 3142
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 3143
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 3144
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 3145
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3146
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 3147

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 3148
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3149
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3150
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3151
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3152
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3153
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3154
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3155
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3156
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3157
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3158
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3159
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3160
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3161
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3162
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3163

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 3164
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 3165

have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3166
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3167
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 3168
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3169
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3170
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3171
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3172
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3173
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3174
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3175
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3176
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3177
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3178
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3179
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3180
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3181
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3182

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3183
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3184
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3185
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3186
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3187
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3188
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3189
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3190
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3191
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3192
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3193
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3194
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3195
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3196

an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3197

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 3198
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 3199
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3200
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3201
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 3202
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3203
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3204
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3205
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3206
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3207
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3208
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3209
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3210
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3211
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3212
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3213
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3214
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3215
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3216

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3217
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3218
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3219
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3220
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3221
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3222
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3223
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3224
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3225
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3226
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3227

parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3228
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3229
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3230
pending in the division, who request the services. 3231

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 3232
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3233
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3234
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3235
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 3236
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 3237
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3238
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3239
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3240
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3241
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3242
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3243
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3244
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3245
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3246
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3247
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 3248
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3249
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 3250
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3251
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 3252
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 3253
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3254
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 3255
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 3256
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3257
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3258

action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3259
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3260
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3261
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3262
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3263
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 3264
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 3265

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 3266
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 3267
division and with the employment and supervision of the 3268
personnel of the division. 3269

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3270
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3271
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3272
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3273
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3274
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3275
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3276
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3277
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3278
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3279
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3280
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3281
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3282
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 3283
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 3284
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 3285
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 3286
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 3287
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 3288
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 3289

obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, 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 Clark county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division and the judges of the general division.

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge

of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 3321
children services board and the county advisory board. 3322

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 3323
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 3324
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 3325
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 3326
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 3327
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 3328
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 3329
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 3330
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 3331
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 3332
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 3333
domestic relations of that court. 3334

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 3335
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3336
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3337
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3338
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 3339
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3340
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3341
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3342
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3343
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3344
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3345
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3346
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 3347
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 3348
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 3349
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 3350
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 3351

work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 3352
the personnel of the division. 3353

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3354
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3355
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3356
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3357
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3358
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3359
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3360
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3361
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3362
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3363
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3364
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3365
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3366
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3367
pending in the division, who request the services. 3368

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 3369
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 3370
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 3371
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 3372
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3373
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 3374
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 3375
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 3376
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3377
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 3378
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 3379
duties. 3380

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 3381

pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 3382
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3383
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3384
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 3385
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 3386
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 3387
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 3388
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 3389
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 3390
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3391
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3392
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3393
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3394
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3395
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3396
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3397
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3398
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 3399
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 3400
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 3401
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 3402
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 3403
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3404
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 3405
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 3406
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3407
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3408
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3409
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3410
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3411
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 3412
(Z) (1) of this section. 3413

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3414
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 3415
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 3416
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 3417
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 3418
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 3419
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 3420
pleas of Marion county. 3421

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 3422
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3423
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 3424
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 3425
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3426
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 3427
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 3428
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 3429
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 3430
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 3431
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 3432
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 3433
common pleas of Marion county. 3434

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 3435
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3436
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3437
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3438
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 3439
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 3440
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3441
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3442
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3443
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3444

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3445
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3446
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3447
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3448
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3449
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3450
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3451
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3452
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3453

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3454
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3455
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3456
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3457
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3458
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3459
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3460
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3461
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3462
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3463
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3464
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3465
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3466
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3467
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3468

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 3469
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3470
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3471
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3472
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 3473
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3474
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 3475

of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3476
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3477
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 3478
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 3479
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3480
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3481
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3482
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3483
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3484
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3485
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3486
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3487
the court of common pleas. 3488

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 3489
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 3490
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3491
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3492
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 3493
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 3494
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 3495
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 3496
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3497
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3498
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3499
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3500
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3501
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3502
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 3503
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3504
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3505
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3506

and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 3507
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3508
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 3509
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 3510
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3511
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 3512
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 3513
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3514
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3515
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3516
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3517
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 3518
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 3519
section. 3520

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 3521
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 3522
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 3523
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 3524
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 3525
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 3526
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3527

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 3528
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 3529
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 3530
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 3531
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 3532
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 3533
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 3534
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 3535
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 3536
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 3537

(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 3538
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3539

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 3540
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 3541
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 3542
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 3543
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3544
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3545
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 3546
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 3547
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 3548
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 3549
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3550
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3551
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3552
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3553
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3554
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3555
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3556
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3557
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3558
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 3559
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 3560
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3561
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 3562
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 3563
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 3564
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 3565
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 3566
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 3567
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 3568

2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 3569
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3570
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 3571
section. 3572

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 3573
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3574
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 3575
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3576
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 3577
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3578
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 3579
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 3580
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3581
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 3582
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 3583
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 3584
probate division. 3585

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 3586
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 3587
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3588
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3589
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 3590
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3591
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 3592
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 3593
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 3594
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 3595
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3596
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 3597
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 3598
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 3599

some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 3600
of common pleas. 3601

(FF) In Hardin county: 3602

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3603
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 3604
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3605
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3606
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 3607
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3608
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 3609
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 3610
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 3611
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3612
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3613
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 3614
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 3615
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3616
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3617
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3618
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3619
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3620
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3621
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3622
the court of common pleas. 3623

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3624
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 3625
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 3626
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 3627
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 3628
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3629

provisions, of the Revised Code. 3630

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3631
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 3632
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 3633
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 3634
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 3635
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 3636
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 3637
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 3638
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 3639

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 3640
1901.021, 1901.027, 1901.03, 1901.08, 1901.181, 1901.31, 3641
1901.311, 1901.34, 1907.11, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised 3642
Code are hereby repealed. 3643

Section 3. (A) Effective January 1, 2024, the Fulton 3644
County County Court is abolished. 3645

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 3646
proceedings pending in the Fulton County County Court at the 3647
close of business on December 31, 2023, shall be transferred to 3648
and proceed in the Fulton County Municipal Court on January 1, 3649
2024, as if originally instituted in the Fulton County Municipal 3650
Court. The Clerk of the Fulton County County Court or other 3651
custodian shall transfer to the Fulton County Municipal Court 3652
all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, papers, records, 3653
books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and persons that 3654
belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject to the 3655
jurisdiction of the Fulton County County Court, or any officer 3656
of that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, 3657
executions, and proceedings at the close of business on December 3658
31, 2023. 3659

(C) All employees of the Fulton County County Court shall 3660
be transferred to and shall become employees of the Fulton 3661
County Municipal Court on January 1, 2024. 3662

(D) Effective January 1, 2023, the part-time judgeship in 3663
the Fulton County County Court originally elected in 1980 shall 3664
be abolished. Effective January 1, 2024, the part-time judgeship 3665
in the Fulton County County Court originally elected in 1982 3666
shall be abolished. 3667

Section 4. The East Liverpool Municipal Court shall 3668
continue in operation until the effective date of this section, 3669
at which time the East Liverpool Municipal Court shall cease 3670
operations and its existence shall terminate. 3671

Section 5. All causes, executions, and other proceedings 3672
pending in the East Liverpool Municipal Court on the effective 3673
date of this section, shall be transferred to and proceed in the 3674
Columbiana County Municipal Court on the effective date of this 3675
section, as if originally instituted in the Columbiana County 3676
Municipal Court. The Clerk of the East Liverpool Municipal Court 3677
or other custodian shall transfer to the Columbiana County 3678
Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, 3679
papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and 3680
persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject 3681
to the jurisdiction of the East Liverpool Municipal Court, or 3682
any officer of that court, at the close of business on the 3683
effective date of this section, and that pertain to those 3684
causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings. 3685

Section 6. The General Assembly, applying the principle 3686
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 3687
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 3688
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 3689

presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended	3690
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the	3691
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections	3692
as presented in this act:	3693
Section 1901.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3694
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	3695
Section 1901.02 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3696
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	3697
Section 1901.03 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3698
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	3699
Section 1901.08 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3700
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	3701
Section 1907.11 of the Revised Code as amended by both	3702
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly.	3703