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**Senator Manning**

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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
<del>within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal-</del>	284
<del>corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and-</del>	285
<del>St. Clair townships.</del>	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
<del>The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.</del>	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 409  
Medina county. 410

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 411  
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 412

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 413  
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 414  
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 415

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 416  
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 417  
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 418

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 419  
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 420  
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 421

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 422  
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 423  
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 424  
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 425  
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 426  
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 427

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 428  
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 429

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within 430  
Knox county. 431

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry 432  
county. 433

The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction 434  
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, 435  
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, 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	551
Wayne county.	552
The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the	553
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick,	554
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill,	555
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake	556
county.	557
Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has	558
jurisdiction within Clinton county.	559
The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within	560
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross,	561
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in	562
Greene county.	563
(C) As used in this section:	564
(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but	565
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is	566
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that	567
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is	568
governmentally a part of the township.	569
(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land	570
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation	571
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal	572
corporation.	573
<b>Sec. 1901.021.</b> (A) Except as otherwise provided in	574
division (M) of this section, the judge or judges of any	575
municipal court established under division (A) of section	576
1901.01 of the Revised Code having territorial jurisdiction	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
<del>In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.</del>	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  
31, 2013. 1087

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 1, 2013. 1945  
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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