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A BILL

To amend sections 2151.23 and 2301.03 of the 1
Revised Code to expand the jurisdiction of the 2
Portage County Domestic Relations Court. 3

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.23 and 2301.03 of the 4
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 2151.23. (A) The juvenile court has exclusive 6
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows: 7

(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date 8
specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is 9
alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or 10
an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic 11
offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or 12
dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation 13
pertaining to the child, concerning the parent, guardian, or 14
other person having care of a child who is alleged to be an 15
unruly child for being an habitual truant or who is alleged to 16
be a delinquent child for violating a court order regarding the 17
child's prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an 18
habitual truant; 19

(2) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any child not a ward of another court of this state;	20 21 22
(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of habeas corpus involving the custody of a child;	23 24
(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the probate division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe that a child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a mentally ill person subject to court order, as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;	25 26 27 28 29 30
(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging adults with the violation of any section of this chapter;	31 32
(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;	33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43
(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 2151.56 of the Revised Code;	44 45
(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	46 47 48

reasons for taking the child into custody;	49
(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;	50 51 52 53
(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code;	54 55
(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 marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;	56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63
(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 of the Revised Code;	64 65
(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 of the Revised Code;	66 67
(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the child;	68 69 70 71 72
(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon the	73 74 75 76 77

juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and 78
Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by 79
the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40; 80

(16) To hear and determine a petition for a protection 81
order against a child under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 82
Revised Code and to enforce a protection order issued or a 83
consent agreement approved under either section against a child 84
until a date certain but not later than the date the child 85
attains nineteen years of age; 86

(17) Concerning emancipated young adults under sections 87
2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code; 88

(18) To hear and determine a request for a court order to 89
examine and interview a child who may be an abused, neglected, 90
or dependent child under section 2151.25 of the Revised Code. 91

(B) Except as provided in divisions (G)~~and~~, (I), and (P) 92
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has 93
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code: 94

(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors 95
charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any 96
child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or 97
any municipal ordinance; 98

(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to 99
have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 100
3111.18 of the Revised Code; 101

(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in 102
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code; 103

(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for 104
the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another 105

court of this state;	106
(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under section 3111.28 of the Revised Code;	107 108
(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 3119.961 of the Revised Code;	109 110
(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.	111 112 113
(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;	114 115 116
(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws of this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a court of another state and registered in accordance with section 3127.35 of the Revised Code.	117 118 119 120
(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or legal separation that involves the custody or care of children and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. After a certification of that nature is made and consent is obtained, the juvenile court shall proceed as if the action originally had been begun in that court, except as to awards for spousal support or support due and unpaid at the time of	121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134

certification, over which the juvenile court has no 135
jurisdiction. 136

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 137
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 138
and determine all matters as to custody and support of children 139
duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile 140
court after a divorce decree has been granted, including 141
jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of 142
common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of 143
children. 144

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 145
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 146
and determine the case of any child certified to the court by 147
any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within 148
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this 149
section. 150

(F) (1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction 151
in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and 152
3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, 153
sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the 154
Revised Code. 155

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 156
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the 157
Revised Code. 158

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for 159
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., 160
and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay 161
child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or 162
after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, 163

is found in contempt of court for failure to make support 164
payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in 165
addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess 166
all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against 167
the person and require the person to pay any reasonable 168
attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the 169
court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt. 170

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an 171
offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or 172
older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged 173
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution 174
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, except as 175
provided in section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, the juvenile 176
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case 177
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is 178
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section 179
has jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and 180
determine the case in the same manner as if the case originally 181
had been commenced in that court, subject to section 2152.121 of 182
the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, jurisdiction to 183
accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized by Criminal 184
Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and jurisdiction 185
to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of conviction 186
pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the child 187
for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the 188
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the 189
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the 190
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included 191
offense, or for the commission of another offense that is 192
different from the offense charged. 193

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly 194

commits an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult 195
and if the person is not taken into custody or apprehended for 196
that act until after the person attains twenty-one years of age, 197
the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or 198
determine any portion of the case charging the person with 199
committing that act. In those circumstances, divisions (A) and 200
(B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply 201
regarding the act, and the case charging the person with 202
committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and 203
heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the 204
offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older 205
when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to 206
the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having 207
jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the 208
authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal 209
cases in that court. 210

(J) In exercising its exclusive original jurisdiction 211
under division (A) (16) of this section with respect to any 212
proceedings brought under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 213
Revised Code in which the respondent is a child, the juvenile 214
court retains all dispositional powers consistent with existing 215
rules of juvenile procedure and may also exercise its discretion 216
to adjudicate proceedings as provided in sections 2151.34 and 217
3113.31 of the Revised Code, including the issuance of 218
protection orders or the approval of consent agreements under 219
those sections. 220

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 221
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 222
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 223
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 224
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 225

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 226
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 227
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 228
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 229
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 230
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 231
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 232
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 233
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 234
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 235
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 236
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 237
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 238
subdivisions and departments. 239

(B) In Hamilton county: 240

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 241
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 242
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 243
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 244
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 245
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 246

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 247
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 248
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 249
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 250
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 251
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 252
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 253
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 254
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 255

the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 256
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 257
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 258
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 259
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 260
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 261
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 262
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 263
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 264
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 265
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 266
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 267
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 268
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 269
year. 270

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 271
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 272
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 273
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 274
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 275
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 276
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 277
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 278
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 279

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 280
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 281
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 282
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 283
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 284
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 285
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 286

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 287
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 288
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 289
are parties to an action pending in the division. 290

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 291
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 292
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 293
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 294
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 295
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 296
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 297
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 298
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 299
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 300
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 301
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 302
division of domestic relations. 303

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 304
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 305
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 306
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 307
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 308
relations. 309

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 310
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 311
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 312
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 313
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 314
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 315
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 316

an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 317
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 318
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 319

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 320
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 321
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 322
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 323
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 324
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 325
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 326
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 327
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 328
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 329
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 330

A judge of the general division of the court of common 331
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 332
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 333
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 334
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 335
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 336
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 337
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 338
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 339
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 340
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 341
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 342
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 343

A judge of the general division of the court of common 344
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 345
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 346

division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 347
both of the following apply: 348

(a) One of the following applies: 349

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 350
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 351
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 352
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 353
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 354

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 355
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 356
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 357
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 358
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 359
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 360
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 361
treatment. 362

(b) All of the following apply: 363

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 364
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 365
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 366
to be imposed. 367

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 368

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 369

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 370
drug or alcohol driven. 371

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 372
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 373

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	374
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	375 376
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	377 378 379 380 381 382 383 384 385 386 387
(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	388 389 390 391
(C) (1) In Lorain county:	392
(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and	393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400 401 402

January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 403
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 404
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 405
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 406
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 407
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 408
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 409
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 410
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 411
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 412
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 413
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 414
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 415
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 416
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 417
other judge of the court of common pleas. 418

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 419
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 420
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 421
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 422
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 423
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 424
Code. 425

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 426
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 427
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 428
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 429
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 430
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 431
probate judge. 432

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 433
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 434
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 435
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 436
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 437
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 438
relations. 439

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 440
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 441
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 442
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 443
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 444
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 445
relations. 446

(D) In Lucas county: 447

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 448
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 449
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 450
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 451
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 452
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 453
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 454
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 455
assigned to them. 456

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 457
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 458
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 459
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 460
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 461
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 462

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 463
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 464
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 465
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 466
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 467
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 468
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 469
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 470
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 471
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 472
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 473
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 474
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 475
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 476
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 477
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 478
in the discharge of their various duties. 479

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 480
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 481
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 482
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 483
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 484
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 485
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 486
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 487
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 488
parties to an action pending in the division. 489

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 490
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 491
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 492
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 493

judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 494
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 495

(E) In Mahoning county: 496

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 497
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 498
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 499
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 500
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 501
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 502
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 503
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 504
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 505
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 506
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 507
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 508
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 509
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 510
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 511
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 512
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 513

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 514
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 515
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 516
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 517
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 518
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 519
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 520
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 521
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 522
action pending in the division. 523

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 524
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 525
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 526
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 527
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 528
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 529
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 530
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 531
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 532
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 533
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 534
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 535
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 536
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 537
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 538
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 539

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 540
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 541
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 542
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 543
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 544
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 545
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 546
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 547
action pending in the division. 548

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 549
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 550
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 551
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 552
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 553
of common pleas. 554

(F) In Montgomery county:	555
(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, 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 Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases.	556 557 558 559 560 561 562 563 564
The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.	565 566 567 568 569 570 571 572 573 574 575 576 577 578
(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, 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 Montgomery county, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas,	579 580 581 582 583 584

juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 585
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 586
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 587

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 588
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 589
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 590
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 591
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 592
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 593
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 594
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 595
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 596
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 597
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 598
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 599
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 600
conciliation services that are available upon request to 601
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 602
the division. 603

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 604
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 605
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 606
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 607
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 608
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 609
of those divisions. 610

(G) In Richland county: 611

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 612
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 613
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 614

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 615
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 616
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 617
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 618
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 619
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 620
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 621
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 622
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 623
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 624
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 625
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 626
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 627
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 628
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 629
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 630
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 631
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 632
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 633
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 634
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 635
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 636
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 637
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 638
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 639
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 640
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 641
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 642
of those matters. 643

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 644
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 645

be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 646
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 647
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 648
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 649
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 650
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 651
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 652
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 653
shall fix their duties. 654

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 655
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 656
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 657
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 658
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 659
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 660
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 661
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 662
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 663
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 664
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 665
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 666
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 667
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 668
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 669
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 670
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 671
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 672
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 673
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 674

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 675
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 676

division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 677
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 678
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 679
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 680
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 681
discharge of the judge's various duties. 682

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 683
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 684
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 685
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 686
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 687
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 688
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 689
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 690
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 691

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 692
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 693
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 694
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 695
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 696
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 697
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 698
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 699
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 700
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 701
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 702
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 703
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 704
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 705

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 706

senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 707
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 708
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 709
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 710
referees required for the judge's respective court. 711

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 712
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 713
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 714
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 715
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 716
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 717
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 718
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 719
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 720
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 721
juvenile judge to serve. 722

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 723
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 724
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 725
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 726
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 727
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 728
"the judge of the family court division." 729

(I) In Summit county: 730

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 731
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 732
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 733
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 734
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 735
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 736

division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 737
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 738
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 739
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 740
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 741
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 742
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 743
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 744
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 745
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 746
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 747
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 748
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 749
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 750

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 751
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 752
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 753
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 754
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 755
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 756
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 757
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 758
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 759
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 760
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 761
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 762
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 763
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 764
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 765
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 766
action pending in the division. 767

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 768
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 769
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 770
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 771
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 772
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 773
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 774
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 775
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 776
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 777
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 778
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 779
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 780
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 781
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 782
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 783
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 784
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 785
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 786

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 787
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 788
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 789
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 790
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 791
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 792
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 793
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 794
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 795
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 796
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 797
conciliation services that are available upon request to 798

persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 799
the division. 800

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 801
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 802
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 803
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 804
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 805
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 806
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 807
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 808
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 809
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 810
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 811
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 812
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 813
court of common pleas. 814

(K) In Butler county: 815

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 816
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 817
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 818
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 819
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 820
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 821
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 822
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 823
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 824
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 825
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 826
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 827
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 828

division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 829
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 830
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 831
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 832
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 833
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 834
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 835
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 836
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 837
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 838
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 839
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 840
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 841
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 842
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 843
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 844
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 845
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 846
division. 847

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 848
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 849
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 850
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 851
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 852
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 853
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 854
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 855
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 856
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 857

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 858
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 859

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 860
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 861
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 862
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 863
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 864
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 865
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 866
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 867
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 868
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 869
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 870
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 871
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 872
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 873
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 874
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 875
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 876
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 877
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 878
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 879
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 880
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 881
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 882
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 883
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 884
various duties. 885

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 886
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 887
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 888
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 889
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 890

servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 891
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 892
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 893
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 894

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 895
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 896
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 897
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 898
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 899
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 900

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 901
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 902
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 903
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 904
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 905
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 906
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 907
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 908
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 909
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 910
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 911
some special reason. 912

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 913
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 914
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 915

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 916
supervision; 917

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 918
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 919

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 920
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 921
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 922
legal separation and annulment matters. 923

(M) In Lake county: 924

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 925
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 926
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 927
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 928
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 929
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 930
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 931
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 932
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 933
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 934
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 935
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 936
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 937
division. 938

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 939
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 940
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 941
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 942
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 943
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 944
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 945
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 946
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 947
division, who request the services. 948

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 949

begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 950
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 951
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 952
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 953
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 954
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 955
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 956
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 957
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 958
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 959
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 960
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 961
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 962
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 963
the judge's various duties. 964

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 965
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 966
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 967
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 968
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 969
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 970
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 971
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 972
request the services. 973

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 974
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 975
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 976
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 977
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 978
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 979

(N) In Erie county:	980
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge.	981 982 983 984 985 986 987 988 989 990 991 992 993 994
On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters.	995 996 997 998 999 1000 1001
(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce,	1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1010
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1011
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1012
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1013

(0) In Greene county: 1014

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1015
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1016
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1017
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1018
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1019
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1020
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1021
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1022
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1023
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1024
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1025
court of common pleas. 1026

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1027
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1028
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1029
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1030
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1031
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1032
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1033
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1034
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1035
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1036
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1037
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1038
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1039

personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1040
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1041
general division of the court of common pleas. 1042

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1043
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1044
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1045
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1046
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1047
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1048
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1049
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1050
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1051
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1052
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1053
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1054
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1055
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1056
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1057
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1058
the judge's various duties. 1059

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1060
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1061
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1062
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1063
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1064
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1065
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1066
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1067
request the services. 1068

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1069

general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1070
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1071
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1072
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1073
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1074
division. 1075

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1076
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1077
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1078
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1079
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1080
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1081
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1082
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1083
annulment cases ~~coming before the court,~~ all cases arising under 1084
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1085
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1086
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1087
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1088
parenting time, and visitation, all proceedings arising under 1089
the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 1090
3115. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under 1091
sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, all 1092
proceedings arising under the uniform child custody jurisdiction 1093
and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of the Revised 1094
Code, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from 1095
those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 1096
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1097
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1098
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1099
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1100

division. 1101

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1102
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1103
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1104
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1105
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1106
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1107
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1108
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the 1109
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1110
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1111
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1112
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1113
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, proceedings 1114
arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, 1115
and proceedings arising under the uniform child custody 1116
jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of 1117
the Revised Code, and providing any counseling and conciliation 1118
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1119
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1120
division, who request the services. 1121

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1122
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1123
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1124
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1125
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1126
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1127
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1128
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1129
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1130
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1131

court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1132
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1133
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1134
domestic relations division. 1135

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1136
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1137
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1138
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1139
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1140
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1141
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1142
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1143
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1144
division, who request the services. 1145

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1146
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1147
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1148
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1149
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1150
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1151
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1152
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1153
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1154
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1155
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1156
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1157
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1158
domestic relations division. 1159

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1160
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1161

the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1162
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1163
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1164
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1165
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1166
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1167
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1168
division, who request the services. 1169

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1170
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1171
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1172
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1173
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1174
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1175
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1176
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1177
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1178
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1179
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1180
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1181
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1182
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1183
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1184
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1185
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1186
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1187
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1188
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1189

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1190
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1191
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1192

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1193
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1194
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1195
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1196
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1197
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1198
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1199
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1200
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1201
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1202
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1203
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1204
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1205

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1206
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1207
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1208
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1209
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1210
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1211
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1212
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1213
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1214
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1215
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1216
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1217
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1218
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1219
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1220
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1221
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1222
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1223

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1224

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1225
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1226
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1227
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1228
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1229
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1230
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1231
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1232
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1233
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1234
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1235
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1236
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1237
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1238
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1239

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1240
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1241
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1242
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1243
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1244
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1245
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1246
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1247
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1248
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1249
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1250
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1251
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1252
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1253
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1254

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1255
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1256
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1257
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1258

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1259
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1260
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1261
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1262
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1263
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1264
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1265
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1266
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1267
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1268
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1269
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1270
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1271
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1272
pending in the division, who request the services. 1273

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1274
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1275
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1276
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1277
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1278
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1279
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1280
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1281
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1282
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1283
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1284
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1285

residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1286
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1287
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1288
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1289
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1290
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1291
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1292
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1293
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1294
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1295
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1296
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1297
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1298
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1299
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1300
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1301
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1302
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1303
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1304
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1305
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1306
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1307

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1308
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1309
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1310
personnel of the division. 1311

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1312
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1313
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1314
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1315
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1316

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1317
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1318
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1319
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1320
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1321
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1322
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1323
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1324
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1325
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1326
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1327
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1328
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1329
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1330
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1331
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1332
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1333
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1334
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1335
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1336
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1337
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1338
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1339
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1340
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1341
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1342
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1343

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1344
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1345
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1346
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1347

of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1348
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1349
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1350
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1351
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1352
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1353
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1354
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1355
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1356
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1357
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1358
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1359
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1360
and the judges of the general division. 1361

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1362
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1363
children services board and the county advisory board. 1364

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1365
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1366
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1367
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1368
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1369
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1370
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1371
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1372
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1373
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1374
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1375
domestic relations of that court. 1376

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1377

pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1378
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1379
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1380
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1381
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1382
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1383
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1384
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1385
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1386
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1387
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1388
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1389
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1390
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1391
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1392
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1393
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1394
the personnel of the division. 1395

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1396
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1397
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1398
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1399
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1400
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1401
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1402
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1403
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1404
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1405
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1406
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1407
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1408

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1409
pending in the division, who request the services. 1410

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1411
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1412
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1413
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1414
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1415
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1416
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1417
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1418
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1419
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1420
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1421
duties. 1422

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1423
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1424
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1425
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1426
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1427
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1428
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1429
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1430
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1431
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1432
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1433
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1434
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1435
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1436
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1437
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1438
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1439

from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1440
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1441
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1442
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1443
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1444
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1445
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1446
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1447
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1448
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1449
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1450
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1451
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1452
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1453
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1454
(Z) (1) of this section. 1455

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1456
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1457
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1458
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1459
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1460
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1461
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1462
pleas of Marion county. 1463

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1464
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1465
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1466
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1467
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1468
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1469
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1470

juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1471
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1472
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1473
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1474
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1475
common pleas of Marion county. 1476

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1477
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1478
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1479
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1480
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1481
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1482
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1483
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1484
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1485
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1486
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1487
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1488
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1489
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1490
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1491
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1492
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1493
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1494
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1495

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1496
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1497
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1498
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1499
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1500
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1501

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1502
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1503
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1504
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1505
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1506
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1507
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1508
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1509
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1510

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1511
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1512
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1513
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1514
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1515
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1516
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1517
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1518
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1519
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1520
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1521
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1522
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1523
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1524
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1525
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1526
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1527
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1528
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1529
the court of common pleas. 1530

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1531
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1532

that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1533
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1534
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1535
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1536
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1537
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1538
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1539
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1540
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1541
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1542
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1543
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1544
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1545
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1546
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1547
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1548
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1549
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1550
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1551
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1552
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1553
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1554
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1555
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1556
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1557
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1558
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1559
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1560
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1561
section. 1562

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1563

common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1564
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1565
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1566
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1567
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1568
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1569

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1570
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1571
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1572
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1573
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1574
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1575
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1576
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1577
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1578
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1579
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1580
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1581

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1582
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1583
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1584
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1585
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1586
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1587
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1588
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1589
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1590
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1591
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1592
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1593
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1594

Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1595
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1596
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1597
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1598
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1599
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1600
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1601
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1602
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1603
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1604
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1605
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1606
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1607
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1608
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1609
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1610
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1611
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1612
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 1613
section. 1614

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1615
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1616
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1617
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1618
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1619
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1620
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1621
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1622
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1623
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1624
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judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1626
probate division. 1627

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1628
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1629
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1630
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1631
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1632
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1633
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1634
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1635
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1636
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1637
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1638
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1639
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1640
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1641
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1642
of common pleas. 1643

(FF) In Hardin county: 1644

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1645
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1646
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1647
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1648
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1649
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1650
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1651
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1652
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1653
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1654
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1655

legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1656
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1657
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1658
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1659
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1660
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1661
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1662
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1663
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1664
the court of common pleas. 1665

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1666
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 1667
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 1668
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 1669
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 1670
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1671
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1672

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1673
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1674
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1675
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1676
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1677
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1678
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1679
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1680
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1681

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.23 and 2301.03 of 1682
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1683