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**Cosponsor: Representative Lampton**

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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027,  
1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the  
Revised Code to expand the jurisdiction of the  
Portage County Domestic Relations Court, to  
abolish the East Liverpool Municipal Court in  
Columbiana County, and to add one judge to the  
Fairborn Municipal Court.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027,  
1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

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

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Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake,  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling  
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton,  
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati,  
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut,  
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East

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Cleveland, <del>East Liverpool</del> , Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn,	19
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield	20
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro,	21
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster,	22
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield,	23
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina,	24
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount	25
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia,	26
Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa,	27
Painesville, Parma, Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton,	28
Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights,	29
Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville,	30
Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky,	31
Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta,	32
Warren, City of Washington in Fayette county, to be known as	33
Washington Court House, Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia,	34
Youngstown, and Zanesville.	35

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within	36
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation	37
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is	38
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county	39
municipal court. The municipal court established by this	40
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously	41
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of	42
this division.	43

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within	44
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal	45
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana	46
county, <del>except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or</del>	47
<del>Liverpool or St. Clair township,</del> that is selected by the judges	48
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section	49

1901.021 of the Revised Code. 50

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 51  
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 52  
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 53  
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 54  
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 55  
authority of that court. 56

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 57  
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 58  
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 59

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 60  
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 61

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 62  
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 63  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 64  
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 65  
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 66  
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 67  
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 68  
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 69

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 70  
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 71  
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 72  
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 73  
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 74  
legislative authority of that court. 75

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by 76  
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 77  
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 78

for the Clermont county municipal court, ~~the Columbian county municipal court,~~ and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court, within the municipal corporation or unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled " \_\_\_\_\_ municipal court," inserting the name of the municipal corporation, except the following courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 79  
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(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal court"; 87  
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(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal court"; 90  
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(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 93  
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(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 95  
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(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 97  
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(6) The municipal court established in London that shall be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 99  
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(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 101  
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(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 103  
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(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 105  
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court";	107
(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court";	108 109
(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court";	110 111
(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court";	112 113
(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court";	114 115
(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court";	116 117
(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court";	118 119
(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court";	120 121
(17) The municipal court established within Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled and known as the "Clermont county municipal court";	122 123 124 125 126
(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the "Clinton county municipal court";	127 128 129
(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court";	130 131 132
(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that,	133

beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the "Fairfield county municipal court";	134 135
(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and known as the "Columbiana county municipal court";	136 137 138 139 140
(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Brown county municipal court";	141 142 143
(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Morrow county municipal court";	144 145 146
(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke county municipal court";	147 148 149
(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Holmes county municipal court";	150 151 152
(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Carroll county municipal court";	153 154 155
(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal court";	156 157 158 159 160 161 162

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that,	163
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the	164
"Putnam county municipal court";	165
(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery	166
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory	167
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of	168
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering,	169
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West	170
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington	171
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that	172
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and	173
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court";	174
(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky	175
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory	176
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of	177
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York	178
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that	179
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and	180
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court";	181
(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that,	182
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the	183
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court";	184
(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington	185
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as	186
the "Perry county municipal court";	187
(33) The municipal court established in Paulding that,	188
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the	189
"Paulding county municipal court."	190
(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division	191

(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows:	192 193
The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit county.	194 195 196 197
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark county.	198 199 200
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashland county.	201 202
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	203 204
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within Athens county.	205 206
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction within Auglaize county.	207 208
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	209 210
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in Summit county.	211 212 213 214 215
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	216 217 218 219

Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	220
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within Logan county.	221 222
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township in Sandusky county.	223 224 225
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted township, in Cuyahoga county.	226 227 228 229
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	238 239
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams county.	240 241
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within Guernsey county.	242 243
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	244 245
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	246 247

Stark county.	248
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within Carroll county.	249 250
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	251 252
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	253 254
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	255 256
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	257 258
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	259 260
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	261 262
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	263 264
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	265 266
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	267 268
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within <del>all of Columbiana county except within the municipal corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and St. Clair townships.</del>	269 270 271 272
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coshocton county.	273 274

The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within Crawford county.	275 276
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	277 278 279 280 281 282
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the municipal corporation of Bradford.	283 284 285
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within Defiance county.	286 287
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within Delaware county.	288 289
<del>The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.</del>	290 291
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble county.	292 293
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	294 295 296 297
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and Vermilion.	298 299 300 301 302

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	303 304 305
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	306 307
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Hancock county except within Washington township.	308 309
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin township in Warren county.	310 311
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin county.	312 313
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	314 315
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within Gallia county.	316 317
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	318 319 320 321
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	322 323
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	324 325
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Hamilton county.	326 327
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Hardin county.	328 329

The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Highland county except within Madison township.	330 331
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within Hocking county.	332 333
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within Holmes county.	334 335
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal corporation of Sandusky.	336 337 338
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid, Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington townships in Lawrence county.	339 340 341
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within Jackson county.	342 343
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within Washington township, in Montgomery county.	344 345 346
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	347 348
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes, Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	349 350 351
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	352 353
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within Licking county.	354 355
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	356

county.	357
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield township, in Lorain county.	358 359 360
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga county.	361 362 363 364
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison county.	365 366
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy, Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships, and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in Richland county.	367 368 369 370 371
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington county.	372 373
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion county.	374 375
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within Union county.	376 377
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within Deerfield township in Warren county.	378 379
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson townships in Stark county.	380 381 382
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	383

municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county.	384 385 386 387 388
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in Medina county.	389 390 391 392 393 394
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	395 396
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of Bradford that is located in Darke county.	397 398 399
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	400 401 402
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	403 404 405
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships.	406 407 408 409 410 411
Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal	412

court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	413
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox county.	414 415
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry county.	416 417
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas county.	418 419 420 421 422
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	423 424 425
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield township in Trumbull county.	426 427 428
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	429 430 431
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	432 433 434 435 436 437
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	438 439 440

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The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within Ottawa county.	444 445
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in Lake county.	446 447 448
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn Heights in Cuyahoga county.	449 450 451 452
Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal court has jurisdiction within Perry county.	453 454
Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal court has jurisdiction within Paulding county.	455 456
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, in Wood county.	457 458 459 460
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within Portage county.	461 462
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within Scioto county.	463 464
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within Putnam county.	465 466
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	467

the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in Cuyahoga county.	468 469 470
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within Perkins township, in Erie county.	471 472 473
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	474 475 476 477
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	478 479 480
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, in Richland county.	481 482 483 484
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby county.	485 486
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	487 488 489 490 491 492
The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning county.	493 494 495 496

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county.	497 498 499 500 501 502
Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry township, except within the municipal corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county.	503 504 505 506 507 508 509
The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county.	510 511 512
The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within Wyandot county.	513 514
The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery county.	515 516 517 518
The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van Wert county.	519 520
The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	521 522 523 524
The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the	525

municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county.	526 527 528
The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull county.	529 530 531 532
The Washington Court House municipal court has jurisdiction within Fayette county.	533 534
The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within Wayne county.	535 536
The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake county.	537 538 539 540 541
Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	542 543
The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in Greene county.	544 545 546 547
(C) As used in this section:	548
(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is physically located within the territorial boundaries of that township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is governmentally a part of the township.	549 550 551 552 553

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal  
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**Sec. 1901.027.** In addition to the territorial jurisdiction  
conferred by section 1901.02 of the Revised Code, the municipal  
courts established in Athens, Batavia, ~~East Liverpool~~,  
Gallipolis, Georgetown, Cincinnati, Ironton, Chesapeake,  
Marietta, Portsmouth, and Steubenville and the municipal court  
established within Columbiana county that is described in  
division (C) of section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have  
jurisdiction beyond the north or northwest shore of the Ohio  
river extending to the opposite shore line, between the extended  
boundary lines of any adjacent municipal courts or adjacent  
county courts. Each of the municipal courts that is given  
jurisdiction on the Ohio river by this section has concurrent  
jurisdiction on the Ohio river with any adjacent municipal  
courts or adjacent county courts that border on that river and  
with any court of Kentucky or of West Virginia that borders on  
the Ohio river and that has jurisdiction on the Ohio river under  
the law of Kentucky or the law of West Virginia, whichever is  
applicable, or under federal law. 558  
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**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of,  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of  
their terms shall be as follows: 576  
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In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall  
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in  
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one  
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 579  
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In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 583

be elected in 1953.	584
In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	585 586
In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	587 588
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	589 590
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	591 592
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017.	593 594 595 596 597
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	598 599 600
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	601 602 603
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	604 605
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	606 607
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	608 609
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge	610

shall be elected in 1983. 611

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 612  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 613  
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 614  
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 615  
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 616  
until December 31, 2005. 617

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 618  
elected in 1965. 619

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 620  
shall be elected in 1951. 621

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 622  
be elected in 1963. 623

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 624  
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 625  
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 626

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 627  
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 628  
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 629  
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 630  
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 631  
December 31, 2009. 632

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 633  
be elected in 1957. 634

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 635  
judge shall be elected in 2001. 636

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 637  
be elected in 1963. 638

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	639 640 641
In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	642 643
In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the end of their respective terms.	644 645 646 647 648 649
In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1999.	650 651 652
In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 1955.	653 654 655 656
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	657 658
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	659 660 661 662 663
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 2001.	664 665
In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall	666

be elected in 1953.	667
In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge	668
shall be elected in 1951.	669
In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time	670
judge shall be elected in 1977.	671
In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	672
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	673
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls	674
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the	675
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this	676
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004,	677
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time	678
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and	679
December 31, 2013, respectively.	680
In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge	681
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-	682
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior	683
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as	684
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until	685
December 31, 2005.	686
In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges	687
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive	688
days beginning on the first day of January next after their	689
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955,	690
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the	691
second day of January next after their election.	692
In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall	693
be elected in 1957.	694
In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall	695

be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007.	696 697
In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	698 699
<del>In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.</del>	700 701
In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	702 703
In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	704 705 706
In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007.	707 708
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	709 710
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977, <u>and one full-time judge shall be elected in</u> <u>2023.</u>	711 712 713
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	714 715 716
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	717 718
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	719 720 721
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall	722

be elected in 1951.	723
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1997.	724 725 726 727 728 729
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	730 731
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	732 733
In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	734 735 736
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	737 738
In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	739 740
In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on the first day of January next after their election, except that the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984.	741 742 743 744 745 746 747 748 749 750

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	751 752
In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	753 754 755 756 757
In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	758 759
In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal court until December 31, 2007.	760 761 762 763 764 765
In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	766 767
In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	768 769
In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001.	770 771 772 773 774
In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	775 776 777
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall	778

be elected in 1955. 779

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 780  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 781  
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 782  
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 783  
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 784  
court until the end of those judges' terms. 785

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 786  
judge shall be elected in 1981. 787

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 788  
be elected in 1955. 789

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 790  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 791  
elected in 1971. 792

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 793  
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 794  
1967. 795

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 796  
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 797  
1973. 798

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 799  
shall be elected in 1957. 800

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 801  
shall be elected in 1981. 802

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 803  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 804  
elected in 1969. 805

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	806 807
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	808 809
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	810 811 812 813 814
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	815 816
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	817 818 819
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	820 821
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	822 823
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	824 825
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	826 827 828
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	829 830
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	831 832

In the Montgomery county municipal court:	833
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date.	834 835 836 837 838 839 840
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 2011.	841 842 843 844 845
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012.	846 847 848 849 850 851 852
One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014.	853 854 855 856 857 858
One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of	859 860 861 862

the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 863  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 864  
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 865  
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 866  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 867  
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 868  
December 31, 2013. 869

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 870  
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 871  
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 872  
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 873  
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 874  
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 875

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 876  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 877  
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 878  
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 879  
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 880

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 881  
shall be elected in 1951. 882

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 883  
be elected in 2005. 884

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 885  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 886

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 887  
shall be elected in 1963. 888

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 889  
elected in 1951. 890

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In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	891 892
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	893 894
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	895 896
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	897 898
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	899 900 901 902 903
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	904 905
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	906 907 908
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2019.	909 910 911
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	912 913
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	914 915
In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall	916 917

be elected in 1971. 918

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 919  
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 920  
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 921  
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 922  
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 923

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 924  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 925  
elected in 1985. 926

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 927  
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 928  
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 929  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 930  
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 931  
court until December 31, 2011. 932

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 933  
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 934  
elected in 1971. 935

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 936  
be elected in 1953. 937

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 938  
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 939  
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 940  
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 941  
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 942  
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 943  
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 944  
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 945  
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 946

31, 2013. 947

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 948  
shall be elected in 1957. 949

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 950  
be elected in 1957. 951

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 952  
be elected in 1995. 953

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 954  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 955  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 956  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 957  
January 1, 2000. 958

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 959  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 960  
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 961  
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 962  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 963  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 964

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 965  
shall be elected in 1953. 966

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 967  
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 968  
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 969  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 970  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 971  
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 972  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 973  
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 974  
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 975

court until December 31, 2009.	976
In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	977 978
In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	979 980
In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013.	981 982
In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	983 984 985
In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full-time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2012.	986 987 988 989 990 991
In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1959.	992 993
In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	994 995
In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	996 997
In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	998 999
In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1000 1001 1002

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2000. 1003  
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In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. 1008  
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In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951. 1011  
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In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1013  
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In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977. 1018  
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In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 1020  
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In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. 1023  
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**Sec. 1901.31.** The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have powers and duties as follows: 1025  
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(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed or elected as follows: 1028  
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(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana 1030

county, Hamilton county, Miami county, Montgomery county, 1031  
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and through 1032  
December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the 1033  
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1034  
thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 1035  
the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 1036  
be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 1037  
territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 1038  
election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1039

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1040  
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1041  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1042  
successor is elected and qualified. 1043

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1044  
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1045  
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1046  
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1047  
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1048  
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1049  
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1050  
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1051  
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1052  
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1053  
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1054  
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1055  
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1056  
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1057  
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1058  
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1059

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1060

courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1061  
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1062  
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1063  
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1064  
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1065  
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1066  
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1067  
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1068  
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1069  
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1070  
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1071  
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1072  
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1073  
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1074  
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1075  
Code. 1076

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1077  
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1078  
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1079  
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1080  
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1081  
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1082  
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1083  
at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1084  
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1085  
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1086  
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1087  
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1088  
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1089  
the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1090  
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1091

325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1092

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(e) of  
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1093  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1094  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1095  
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1096  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1097  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1098  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1099  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1100  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1101  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1102  
territory of the court. 1103

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1105  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1106  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1107  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1108  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1109  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1110  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1111  
Revised Code. 1112

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1113  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1114  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1115  
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1116  
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1117  
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1118  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1119  
particular political party for election to that office, a 1120  
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1121

a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1122  
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Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of  
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's  
successor is elected and qualified. 1125  
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(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(f) of  
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the  
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code,  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal  
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of  
the territory of the court. 1137  
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The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and  
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primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1152  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1153  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1154  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1155  
Revised Code. 1156

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1157  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1158  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1159  
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1160  
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1161  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1162  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1163  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1164  
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1165  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1166  
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1167  
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1168  
Revised Code. 1169

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1170  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1171  
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1172  
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1173  
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1174  
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1175  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1176  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1177  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1178  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1179  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1180  
successor is elected and qualified. 1181

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

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

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be  
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that  
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that

office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1213  
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1214  
Revised Code. 1215

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1216  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1217  
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1218  
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1219  
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1220  
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1221  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1222  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1223  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1224  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1225  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1226  
successor is elected and qualified. 1227

(ii) Division (A)(1)(g)(i) of this section shall have no 1228  
effect after December 31, 2008. 1229

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(h) of 1230  
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1231  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1232  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1233  
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 1234  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1235  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1236  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1237  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1238  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 1239  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1240  
territory of the court. 1241

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1242

petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1243  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1244  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1245  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1246  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1247  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1248  
Revised Code. 1249

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1250  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1251  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1252  
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 1253  
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 1254  
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1255  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1256  
particular political party for election to that office, a 1257  
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1258  
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1259  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1260  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1261

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1262  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1263  
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 1264  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1265  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1266  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1267  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1268  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1269  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1270  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1271  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1272  
successor is elected and qualified. 1273

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.	1274 1275 1276 1277 1278 1279 1280 1281 1282 1283 1284 1285 1286 1287 1288 1289 1290
(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown county, <del>Columbiana county</del> , Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, Sandusky county, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified.	1291 1292 1293 1294 1295 1296 1297
(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section.	1298 1299 1300 1301
(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal	1302 1303

courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code.

(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly

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~~compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the~~ 1336  
~~rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas~~ 1337  
~~as determined in accordance with the population of the county~~ 1338  
~~and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the~~ 1339  
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(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1341  
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1342  
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1343  
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1344

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1345  
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1346  
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1347  
Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs 1348  
in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1349  
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1350  
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1351  
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1352  
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1353  
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1354  
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1355  
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1356  
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1357  
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1358  
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1359  
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1360  
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1361  
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1362  
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1363  
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1364  
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1365

and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1366  
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1367  
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1368  
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1369  
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1370  
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1371  
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1372  
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1373  
after the vacancy occurred. 1374

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1375  
county, the Brown county, ~~the Columbian county~~, the Holmes 1376  
county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1377  
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1378  
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1379  
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1380  
compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1381  
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1382  
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1383  
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1384  
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1385  
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1386  
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1387  
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1388  
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1389  
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1390  
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1391  
county, the Brown county, the Columbian county, the Perry 1392  
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1393  
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1394  
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1395  
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1396

expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) of this section and all interest received and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of this section.	1397 1398 1399 1400 1401 1402 1403 1404 1405 1406 1407
(2) In a municipal court, other than the <u>Columbiana</u> <u>county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county,</u> Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five per cent of the salary of a judge of the court.	1408 1409 1410 1411 1412 1413 1414
(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) (1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county municipal court is payable in biweekly installments.	1415 1416 1417 1418 1419 1420 1421 1422
(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's	1423 1424 1425 1426

duties. 1427

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1428  
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1429  
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1430  
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1431  
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1432  
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1433  
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1434  
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1435  
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1436  
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 1437  
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 1438  
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 1439  
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 1440  
or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 1441  
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 1442  
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 1443  
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 1444  
all times. 1445

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1446  
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 1447  
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 1448  
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 1449  
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 1450  
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 1451  
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 1452  
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 1453  
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 1454  
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 1455  
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 1456  
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 1457

entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 1458  
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 1459  
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 1460  
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 1461  
court. 1462

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 1463  
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1464  
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 1465  
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 1466  
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 1467  
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1468  
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1469  
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1470  
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1471  
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1472  
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1473  
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1474  
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1475  
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1476  
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1477  
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1478  
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1479  
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1480  
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1481  
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1482  
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1483  
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1484  
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1485  
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1486  
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1487  
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1488

to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1489  
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1490  
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1491  
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1492  
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1493  
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1494  
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1495  
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1496  
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1497  
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1498  
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1499  
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1500  
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1501  
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1502  
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1503  
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1504  
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1505

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1506  
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1507  
deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 1508  
1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any 1509  
interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city 1510  
treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the 1511  
interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which 1512  
the court is located. 1513

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1514  
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1515  
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1516  
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1517  
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1518  
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1519

the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys  
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day  
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city  
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court,  
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which  
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the  
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys  
upon proper certification of the clerk.

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the  
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and  
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly  
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the  
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk  
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk  
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the  
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge  
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks  
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the  
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county  
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall  
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the  
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the  
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may  
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than  
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance  
of the deputy clerk's duties.

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the  
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one  
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the  
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular  
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative

authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 1551  
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 1552  
population of at least one hundred thousand. 1553

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 1554  
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 1555  
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1556  
and receive verdicts. 1557

**Sec. 2151.23.** (A) The juvenile court has exclusive 1558  
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows: 1559

(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date 1560  
specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is 1561  
alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or 1562  
an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic 1563  
offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or 1564  
dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation 1565  
pertaining to the child, concerning the parent, guardian, or 1566  
other person having care of a child who is alleged to be an 1567  
unruly child for being an habitual truant or who is alleged to 1568  
be a delinquent child for violating a court order regarding the 1569  
child's prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an 1570  
habitual truant; 1571

(2) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 1572  
2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any 1573  
child not a ward of another court of this state; 1574

(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of 1575  
habeas corpus involving the custody of a child; 1576

(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the 1577  
probate division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. 1578  
of the Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe 1579

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;	1580 1581 1582
(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging adults with the violation of any section of this chapter;	1583 1584
(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;	1585 1586 1587 1588 1589 1590 1591 1592 1593 1594 1595
(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 2151.56 of the Revised Code;	1596 1597
(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the reasons for taking the child into custody;	1598 1599 1600 1601
(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;	1602 1603 1604 1605
(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code;	1606 1607
(11) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of	1608

section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to hear and determine a 1609  
request for an order for the support of any child if the request 1610  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1611  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1612  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an 1613  
action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1614  
Code; 1615

(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 1616  
of the Revised Code; 1617

(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 1618  
of the Revised Code; 1619

(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the 1620  
parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged 1621  
to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic 1622  
offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining 1623  
to the child; 1624

(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the 1625  
determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required 1626  
under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the 1627  
Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a 1628  
delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon the 1629  
juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and 1630  
Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by 1631  
the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40; 1632

(16) To hear and determine a petition for a protection 1633  
order against a child under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 1634  
Revised Code and to enforce a protection order issued or a 1635  
consent agreement approved under either section against a child 1636  
until a date certain but not later than the date the child 1637

attains nineteen years of age;	1638
(17) Concerning emancipated young adults under sections 2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code;	1639 1640
(18) To hear and determine a request for a court order to examine and interview a child who may be an abused, neglected, or dependent child under section 2151.25 of the Revised Code.	1641 1642 1643
(B) Except as provided in divisions (G) <del>—and—</del> (I), and (P) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has original jurisdiction under the Revised Code:	1644 1645 1646
(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or any municipal ordinance;	1647 1648 1649 1650
(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code;	1651 1652 1653
(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;	1654 1655
(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court of this state;	1656 1657 1658
(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under section 3111.28 of the Revised Code;	1659 1660
(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 3119.961 of the Revised Code;	1661 1662
(7) To receive filings under section 3109.74 of the Revised Code, and to hear and determine actions arising under	1663 1664

sections 3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code.	1665
(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;	1666 1667 1668
(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.	1669 1670 1671 1672
(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 certification, over which the juvenile court has no jurisdiction.	1673 1674 1675 1676 1677 1678 1679 1680 1681 1682 1683 1684 1685 1686 1687 1688
(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters as to custody and support of children duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile court after a divorce decree has been granted, including jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of	1689 1690 1691 1692 1693 1694

common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of  
children. 1695  
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(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I)  
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear  
and determine the case of any child certified to the court by  
any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within  
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this  
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(F) (1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction  
in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and  
3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable,  
sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the  
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(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in  
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the  
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(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for  
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123.,  
and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay  
child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or  
after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986,  
is found in contempt of court for failure to make support  
payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in  
addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess  
all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against  
the person and require the person to pay any reasonable  
attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the  
court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt. 1711  
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(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an  
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older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged 1725  
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution 1726  
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, except as 1727  
provided in section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, the juvenile 1728  
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case 1729  
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is 1730  
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section 1731  
has jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and 1732  
determine the case in the same manner as if the case originally 1733  
had been commenced in that court, subject to section 2152.121 of 1734  
the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, jurisdiction to 1735  
accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized by Criminal 1736  
Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and jurisdiction 1737  
to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of conviction 1738  
pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the child 1739  
for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the 1740  
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the 1741  
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the 1742  
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included 1743  
offense, or for the commission of another offense that is 1744  
different from the offense charged. 1745

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly 1746  
commits an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult 1747  
and if the person is not taken into custody or apprehended for 1748  
that act until after the person attains twenty-one years of age, 1749  
the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or 1750  
determine any portion of the case charging the person with 1751  
committing that act. In those circumstances, divisions (A) and 1752  
(B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply 1753  
regarding the act, and the case charging the person with 1754

committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and 1755  
heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the 1756  
offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older 1757  
when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to 1758  
the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having 1759  
jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the 1760  
authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal 1761  
cases in that court. 1762

(J) In exercising its exclusive original jurisdiction 1763  
under division (A) (16) of this section with respect to any 1764  
proceedings brought under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 1765  
Revised Code in which the respondent is a child, the juvenile 1766  
court retains all dispositionary powers consistent with existing 1767  
rules of juvenile procedure and may also exercise its discretion 1768  
to adjudicate proceedings as provided in sections 2151.34 and 1769  
3113.31 of the Revised Code, including the issuance of 1770  
protection orders or the approval of consent agreements under 1771  
those sections. 1772

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 1773  
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 1774  
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 1775  
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 1776  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1777  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1778  
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 1779  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1780  
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 1781  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1782  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 1783  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1784  
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1785

legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1786  
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 1787  
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 1788  
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 1789  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1790  
subdivisions and departments. 1791

(B) In Hamilton county: 1792

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 1793  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 1794  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 1795  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1796  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1797  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1798

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1799  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 1800  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1801  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 1802  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1803  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 1804  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 1805  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 1806  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 1807  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 1808  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 1809  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 1810  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 1811  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1812  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 1813  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 1814  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 1815

administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 1816  
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 1817  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 1818  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1819  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1820  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 1821  
year. 1822

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 1823  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1824  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1825  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1826  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1827  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1828  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1829  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1830  
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 1831

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1832  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1833  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1834  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1835  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1836  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 1837  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1838  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1839  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 1840  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 1841  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 1842

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 1843  
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 1844  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 1845

reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the division of domestic relations.	1846 1847 1848 1849 1850 1851 1852 1853 1854 1855
The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the administrative judge of the division of domestic relations.	1856 1857 1858 1859 1860 1861
The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved.	1862 1863 1864 1865 1866 1867 1868 1869 1870 1871
(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The	1872 1873 1874 1875

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

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

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

(a) One of the following applies:

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the

offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.	1906
(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914
(b) All of the following apply:	1915
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be imposed.	1916 1917 1918 1919
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	1920
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	1921
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	1922 1923
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	1924 1925
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	1926
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	1927 1928
(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	1929 1930 1931 1932

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. 1933  
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(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  
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(C) (1) In Lorain county: 1944

(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  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151.  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common  
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judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 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 shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. 1963  
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(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised Code. 1971  
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(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the probate judge. 1978  
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(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. 1985  
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(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1992

with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to  
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic  
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(D) In Lucas county: 1999

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, 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 Lucas county and shall be  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be  
assigned to them. 2000  
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The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2009  
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(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, 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 Lucas county, shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and  
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jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas,  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment,  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division  
in the discharge of their various duties.

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

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

(E) In Mahoning county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term  
began on January 1, 1955, 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 Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2053  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2054  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 2055  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 2056  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2057  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 2058  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 2059  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2060  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2061  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2062  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2063  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 2064  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 2065

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2066  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2067  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2068  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2069  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2070  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2071  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 2072  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2073  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2074  
action pending in the division. 2075

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2076  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 2077  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2078  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2079  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2080  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2081  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2082  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 2083

conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 2084  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2085  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2086  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2087  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2088  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2089  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2090  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 2091

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2092  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2093  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2094  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2095  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2096  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 2097  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2098  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2099  
action pending in the division. 2100

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2101  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2102  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 2103  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 2104  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 2105  
of common pleas. 2106

(F) In Montgomery county: 2107

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2108  
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 2109  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2110  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2111  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 2112  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2113

division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,  
and annulment cases. 2114  
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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  
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(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,  
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2131  
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In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2140  
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employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. The judge, 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. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division.

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

(G) In Richland county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, 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 Richland county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree

proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2174  
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 2175  
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 2176  
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 2177  
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 2178  
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 2179  
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 2180  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 2181  
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 2182  
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 2183  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 2184  
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 2185  
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 2186  
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 2187  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2188  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2189  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 2190  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2191  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2192  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 2193  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 2194  
of those matters. 2195

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2196  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 2197  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2198  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 2199  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2200  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 2201  
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 2202  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 2203  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 2204

employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and  
shall fix their duties. 2205  
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(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term  
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any  
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2207  
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In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of  
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of  
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including  
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2227  
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The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling,  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to  
an action pending in the court, who request the services.

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, 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 Stark county and shall be elected and designated  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division.  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code,  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges.

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most  
senior in point of service, 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, and necessary  
referees required for the judge's respective court.

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in

point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2265  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2266  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 2267  
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 2268  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 2269  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 2270  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 2271  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 2272  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 2273  
juvenile judge to serve. 2274

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 2275  
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 2276  
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 2277  
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 2278  
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 2279  
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 2280  
"the judge of the family court division." 2281

(I) In Summit county: 2282

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2283  
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 2284  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2285  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2286  
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 2287  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2288  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2289  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 2290  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2291  
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 2292  
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2293  
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 2294

shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 2295  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 2296  
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2297  
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 2298  
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 2299  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 2300  
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 2301  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2302

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2303  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2304  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 2305  
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 2306  
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 2307  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2308  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2309  
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 2310  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2311  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2312  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2313  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2314  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2315  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 2316  
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 2317  
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2318  
action pending in the division. 2319

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2320  
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2321  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2322  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2323  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 2324  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2325

shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity,  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

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

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 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 Trumbull county 2357  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2358  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2359  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2360  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2361  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 2362  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2363  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 2364  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2365  
court of common pleas. 2366

(K) In Butler county: 2367

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2368  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 2369  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2370  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2371  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 2372  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2373  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2374  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 2375  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2376  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2377  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2378  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 2379  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 2380  
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 2381  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 2382  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 2383  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 2384  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 2385  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 2386  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2387

marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused,  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations  
division.

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, 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 Butler county, shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases

that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be  
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's  
various duties.

The judge, 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. The duties of the personnel, in  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling,  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to  
an action pending in the division, who request the services.

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of

cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 2450  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 2451  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2452

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 2453  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 2454  
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 2455  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2456  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2457  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 2458  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2459  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2460  
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2461  
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 2462  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 2463  
some special reason. 2464

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 2465  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 2466  
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 2467

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 2468  
supervision; 2469

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 2470  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 2471

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 2472  
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 2473  
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2474  
legal separation and annulment matters. 2475

(M) In Lake county: 2476

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2477  
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2478

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2479  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2480  
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 2481  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2482  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 2483  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2484  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2485  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2486  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2487  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2488  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2489  
division. 2490

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2491  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2492  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2493  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2494  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2495  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2496  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2497  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2498  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2499  
division, who request the services. 2500

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2501  
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 2502  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2503  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2504  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 2505  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2506  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2507  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 2508  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2509

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2510  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 2511  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2512  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 2513  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 2514  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 2515  
the judge's various duties. 2516

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2517  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2518  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2519  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2520  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 2521  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 2522  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2523  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2524  
request the services. 2525

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2526  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2527  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2528  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 2529  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 2530  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2531

(N) In Erie county: 2532

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2533  
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 2534  
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 2535  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2536  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 2537  
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 2538  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2539

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.

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.

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

(O) In Greene county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, 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 Greene county and shall be elected and  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division  
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the  
court of common pleas.

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, 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 Greene county, shall be elected and  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile

division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 2601  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2602  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 2603  
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2604  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2605  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 2606  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2607  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 2608  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 2609  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 2610  
the judge's various duties. 2611

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2612  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2613  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2614  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2615  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 2616  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 2617  
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 2618  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 2619  
request the services. 2620

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2621  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2622  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2623  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 2624  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 2625  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 2626  
division. 2627

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2628  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2629  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2630

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and  
annulment cases ~~coming before the court, all cases arising under~~  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian,  
parenting time, and visitation, all proceedings arising under  
the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter  
3115. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under  
sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, all  
proceedings arising under the uniform child custody jurisdiction  
and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of the Revised  
Code, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from  
those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations  
division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation,  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties,  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and  
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the  
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2662  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2663  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2664  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2665  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, proceedings 2666  
arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, 2667  
and proceedings arising under the uniform child custody 2668  
jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of 2669  
the Revised Code, and providing any counseling and conciliation 2670  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2671  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2672  
division, who request the services. 2673

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2674  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2675  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2676  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2677  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2678  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2679  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2680  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2681  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 2682  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2683  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2684  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2685  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 2686  
domestic relations division. 2687

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2688  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2689  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2690  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2691  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2692

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2693  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2694  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2695  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2696  
division, who request the services. 2697

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 2698  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 2699  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2700  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2701  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 2702  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2703  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2704  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2705  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 2706  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2707  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2708  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2709  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 2710  
domestic relations division. 2711

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2712  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2713  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2714  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2715  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2716  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2717  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2718  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2719  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2720  
division, who request the services. 2721

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 2722

pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2723  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 2724  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 2725  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 2726  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 2727  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 2728  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2729  
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 2730  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2731  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2732  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2733  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2734  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2735  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2736  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2737  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 2738  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 2739  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2740  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2741

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2742  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2743  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2744  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2745  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2746  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2747  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2748  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2749  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2750  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2751  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2752  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2753

custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2754  
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(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, 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 Allen county and shall be  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation,  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2758  
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personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2777  
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proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2785  
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(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2792  
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servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian,  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and  
conciliation services that the division makes available to  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2816  
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(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, 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 Fairfield county and  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation,  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 2826  
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state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 2847  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2848  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 2849  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 2850  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2851  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2852  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2853  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2854  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2855  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2856  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2857  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2858  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2859

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 2860  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2861  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 2862  
personnel of the division. 2863

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2864  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2865  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2866  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2867  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2868  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2869  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2870  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2871  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2872  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2873  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2874  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2875  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2876  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 2877

parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2878  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 2879  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 2880  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 2881  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 2882  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 2883  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 2884  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 2885  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2886  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 2887  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2888  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 2889  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2890  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2891  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2892  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 2893  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 2894  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 2895

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2896  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 2897  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2898  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2899  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 2900  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2901  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 2902  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2903  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 2904  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 2905  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 2906  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2907  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 2908

support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 2909  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 2910  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 2911  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 2912  
and the judges of the general division. 2913

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2914  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 2915  
children services board and the county advisory board. 2916

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2917  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 2918  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 2919  
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 2920  
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 2921  
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 2922  
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 2923  
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 2924  
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 2925  
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 2926  
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 2927  
domestic relations of that court. 2928

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 2929  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2930  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2931  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2932  
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 2933  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2934  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2935  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2936  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2937  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2938

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

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

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and  
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have

charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 2970  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2971  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 2972  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 2973  
duties. 2974

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2975  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 2976  
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2977  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2978  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 2979  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 2980  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 2981  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 2982  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 2983  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2984  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2985  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2986  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2987  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2988  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2989  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2990  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2991  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2992  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2993  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 2994  
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2995  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 2996  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2997  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 2998  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 2999  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 3000

and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court otherwise specified in division (Z) (1) of this section. 3001  
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(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county. 3008  
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(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to both "the judge of the probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z) (2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county. 3016  
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(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3029  
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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 Muskingum county and  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation,  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
supervision of the personnel of the division.

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

an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3062

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 3063  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3064  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3065  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3066  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 3067  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3068  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 3069  
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3070  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3071  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 3072  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 3073  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3074  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3075  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3076  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3077  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3078  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3079  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3080  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3081  
the court of common pleas. 3082

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 3083  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 3084  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3085  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3086  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 3087  
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 3088  
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 3089  
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 3090  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3091  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3092

Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the	3093
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal	3094
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child	3095
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities	3096
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place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and	3098
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising	3099
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge	3100
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other	3101
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after	3102
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan	3103
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors	3104
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate	3105
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in	3106
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and	3107
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the	3108
probate division of that court over all matters that are within	3109
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under	3110
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in	3111
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of	3112
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this	3113
section.	3114
(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of	3115
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court	3116
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the	3117
administrative judge of the family court division of the court	3118
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules	3119
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court	3120
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county.	3121
(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to	3122
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court,"	3123

or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with  
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the  
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being  
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the  
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5,  
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court"  
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being  
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC)  
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of  
the court of common pleas of Logan county.

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10,  
2009, and the successors to those judges, 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 Champaign county and shall be elected and  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those  
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any

other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3155  
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 3156  
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 3157  
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 3158  
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 3159  
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 3160  
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 3161  
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 3162  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 3163  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3164  
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 3165  
section. 3166

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 3167  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3168  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 3169  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3170  
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 3171  
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3172  
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 3173  
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 3174  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3175  
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 3176  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 3177  
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 3178  
probate division. 3179

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 3180  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 3181  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3182  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3183  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 3184  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3185

pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post-  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court  
of common pleas.

(FF) In Hardin county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term  
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, 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 Hardin county and shall be elected and  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division  
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151.  
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile  
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage,  
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders  
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code,  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of

the court of common pleas.	3217
(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the court of common pleas, all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code.	3218 3219 3220 3221 3222 3223 3224
(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require.	3225 3226 3227 3228 3229 3230 3231 3232 3233
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027, 1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	3234 3235 3236
<b>Section 3.</b> The East Liverpool Municipal Court shall continue in operation until the effective date of this section, at which time the East Liverpool Municipal Court shall cease operations and its existence shall terminate.	3237 3238 3239 3240
<b>Section 4.</b> All causes, executions, and other proceedings pending in the East Liverpool Municipal Court on the effective date of this section, shall be transferred to and proceed in the Columbiana County Municipal Court on the effective date of this section, as if originally instituted in the Columbiana County	3241 3242 3243 3244 3245

Municipal Court. The Clerk of the East Liverpool Municipal Court 3246  
or other custodian shall transfer to the Columbiana County 3247  
Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, 3248  
papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and 3249  
persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject 3250  
to the jurisdiction of the East Liverpool Municipal Court, or 3251  
any officer of that court, at the close of business on the 3252  
effective date of this section, and that pertain to those 3253  
causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings. 3254

**Section 5.** The General Assembly, applying the principle 3255  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 3256  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 3257  
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 3258  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 3259  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 3260  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 3261  
as presented in this act: 3262

Section 1901.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3263  
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. 3264

Section 1901.02 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3265  
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. 3266

Section 1901.08 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3267  
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. 3268