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**A BILL**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027, 1  
1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the 2  
Revised Code to expand the jurisdiction of the 3  
Portage County Domestic Relations Court, to 4  
abolish the East Liverpool Municipal Court in 5  
Columbiana County, and to add one judge to the 6  
Fairborn Municipal Court. 7

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027, 8  
1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be 9  
amended to read as follows: 10

**Sec. 1901.01.** (A) There is hereby established a municipal 11  
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 12

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 13  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 14  
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 15  
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 16  
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 17  
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 18

Cleveland, ~~East Liverpool~~, 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, ~~except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or~~ 47  
~~Liverpool or St. Clair township,~~ 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 Columbiana county~~ 79  
~~municipal court,~~ and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 80  
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 81  
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 82  
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 83  
" \_\_\_\_\_ municipal court," inserting 84  
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 85  
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 86

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 87  
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 88  
court"; 89

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 90  
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 91  
court"; 92

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 93  
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 94

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 95  
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 96

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 97  
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 98

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 99  
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 100

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 101  
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 102

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 103  
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 104

(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 105  
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 106

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 134  
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 135

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 136  
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 137  
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 138  
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 139  
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 140

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 141  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 142  
"Brown county municipal court"; 143

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 144  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 145  
"Morrow county municipal court"; 146

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 147  
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 148  
"Darke county municipal court"; 149

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 150  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 151  
"Holmes county municipal court"; 152

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 153  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 154  
"Carroll county municipal court"; 155

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 156  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 157  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 158  
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 159  
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 160  
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 161  
court"; 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	192
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows:	193
The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath,	194
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal	195
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit	196
county.	197
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within	198
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark	199
county.	200
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within	201
Ashland county.	202
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within	203
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	204
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within	205
Athens county.	206
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction	207
within Auglaize county.	208
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the	209
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	210
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within	211
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley	212
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn,	213
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in	214
Summit county.	215
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	216
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow,	217
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange,	218
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	219

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

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

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

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	303
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and	304
Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	305
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	306
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	307
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	308
Hancock county except within Washington township.	309
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	310
Franklin township in Warren county.	311
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	312
within Franklin county.	313
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	314
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	315
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	316
Gallia county.	317
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	318
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	319
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	320
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	321
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	322
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	323
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	324
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	325
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	326
within Hamilton county.	327
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	328
Hardin county.	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	358
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	359
township, in Lorain county.	360
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	361
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	362
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	363
county.	364
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	365
Madison county.	366
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	367
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	368
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	369
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	370
Richland county.	371
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	372
Washington county.	373
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	374
county.	375
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	376
Union county.	377
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	378
Deerfield township in Warren county.	379
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	380
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	381
townships in Stark county.	382
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	383

municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within 384  
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions 385  
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of 386  
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas 387  
county. 388

The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the 389  
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- 390  
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick 391  
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, 392  
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in 393  
Medina county. 394

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 395  
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 396

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 397  
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 398  
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 399

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 400  
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 401  
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 402

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 403  
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 404  
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 405

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 406  
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 407  
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 408  
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 409  
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 410  
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 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

Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 441  
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 442  
Toledo municipal court. 443

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 444  
Ottawa county. 445

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 446  
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 447  
Lake county. 448

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 449  
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 450  
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 451  
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 452

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal 453  
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 454

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal 455  
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county. 456

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 457  
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 458  
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 459  
in Wood county. 460

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 461  
Portage county. 462

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 463  
Scioto county. 464

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within 465  
Putnam county. 466

The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within 467

the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview 468  
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in 469  
Cuyahoga county. 470

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 471  
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 472  
Perkins township, in Erie county. 473

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal 474  
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except 475  
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 476  
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships. 477

The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within 478  
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, 479  
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county. 480

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 481  
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 482  
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 483  
in Richland county. 484

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 485  
county. 486

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 487  
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 488  
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 489  
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 490  
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 491  
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 492

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 493  
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 494  
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 495  
county. 496

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 497  
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 498  
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 499  
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 500  
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 501  
in Lucas county. 502

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 503  
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 504  
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 505  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 506  
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 507  
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 508  
Millgrove, in Wood county. 509

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 510  
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 511  
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 512

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 513  
Wyandot county. 514

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 515  
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 516  
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 517  
county. 518

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 519  
Wert county. 520

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 521  
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 522  
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 523  
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 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 Caesar creek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugar creek, 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 554  
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 555  
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 556  
corporation. 557

**Sec. 1901.027.** In addition to the territorial jurisdiction 558  
conferred by section 1901.02 of the Revised Code, the municipal 559  
courts established in Athens, Batavia, ~~East Liverpool,~~ 560  
Gallipolis, Georgetown, Cincinnati, Ironton, Chesapeake, 561  
Marietta, Portsmouth, and Steubenville and the municipal court 562  
established within Columbiana county that is described in 563  
division (C) of section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have 564  
jurisdiction beyond the north or northwest shore of the Ohio 565  
river extending to the opposite shore line, between the extended 566  
boundary lines of any adjacent municipal courts or adjacent 567  
county courts. Each of the municipal courts that is given 568  
jurisdiction on the Ohio river by this section has concurrent 569  
jurisdiction on the Ohio river with any adjacent municipal 570  
courts or adjacent county courts that border on that river and 571  
with any court of Kentucky or of West Virginia that borders on 572  
the Ohio river and that has jurisdiction on the Ohio river under 573  
the law of Kentucky or the law of West Virginia, whichever is 574  
applicable, or under federal law. 575

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 576  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 577  
their terms shall be as follows: 578

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 579  
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 580  
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 581  
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 582

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	585
be elected in 1951.	586
In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge	587
shall be elected in 1953.	588
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge	589
shall be elected in 1967.	590
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time	591
judge shall be elected in 1975.	592
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge	593
shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the	594
part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected	595
in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the	596
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017.	597
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge	598
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be	599
elected in 1971.	600
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall	601
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	602
1979.	603
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge	604
shall be elected in 1993.	605
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall	606
be elected in 1951.	607
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	608
elected in 2005.	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 639  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 640  
elected in 1977. 641

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 642  
shall be elected in 1953. 643

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 644  
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 645  
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 646  
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 647  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 648  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 649

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 650  
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 651  
be elected in 1999. 652

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 653  
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 654  
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 655  
1955. 656

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 657  
judge shall be elected in 1957. 658

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 659  
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 660  
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 661  
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 662  
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 663

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 664  
judges shall be elected in 2001. 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  
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In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957. 698  
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~~In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.~~ 700  
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In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 702  
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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  
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In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. 707  
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In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951. 709  
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In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023. 711  
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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  
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In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989. 717  
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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  
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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 724  
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 725  
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 726  
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 727  
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 728  
shall be elected in 1997. 729

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 730  
be elected in 1975. 731

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 732  
shall be elected in 1981. 733

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 734  
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 735  
elected in 1981. 736

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 737  
be elected in 1963. 738

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 739  
be elected in 1953. 740

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 741  
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 742  
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 743  
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 744  
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 745  
the first day of January next after their election, except that 746  
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 747  
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 748  
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 749  
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 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	806
be elected in 1957.	807
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	808
be elected in 1951.	809
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	810
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	811
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	812
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	813
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	814
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	815
elected in 1965.	816
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge	817
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	818
elected in 1971.	819
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall	820
be elected in 1963.	821
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	822
be elected in 1957.	823
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	824
be elected in 1971.	825
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	826
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	827
elected in 1979.	828
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge	829
shall be elected in 1951.	830
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge	831
shall be elected in 1953.	832

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 833

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 834  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 835  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 836  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 837  
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 838  
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 839  
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 840  
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 841  
county county court that existed before that date whose term 842  
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 843  
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 844  
2011. 845

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 846  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 847  
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 848  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 849  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 850  
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 851  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 852

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 853  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 854  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 855  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 856  
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 857  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 858

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 859  
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 860  
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 861  
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 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

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

be elected in 1971.	918
In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	919 920 921 922 923
In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1985.	924 925 926
In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part-time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal court until December 31, 2011.	927 928 929 930 931 932
In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	933 934 935
In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	936 937
In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full-time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December	938 939 940 941 942 943 944 945 946

31, 2013.	947
In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	948 949
In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	950 951
In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995.	952 953
In the South Euclid 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.	954 955 956 957 958
In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the end of their respective terms.	959 960 961 962 963 964
In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	965 966
In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal	967 968 969 970 971 972 973 974 975

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

**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:

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

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana

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 1093  
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1094  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1095  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1096  
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1097  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1098  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1099  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1100  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1101  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1102  
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1103  
territory of the court. 1104

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 1122  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1123  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1124

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1125  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1126  
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1127  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1128  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1129  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1130  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1131  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1132  
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1133  
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1134  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1135  
successor is elected and qualified. 1136

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(f) of 1137  
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1138  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1139  
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1140  
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1141  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1142  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1143  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1144  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1145  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1146  
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1147  
the territory of the court. 1148

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1149  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1150  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1151

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 1182  
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1183  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1184  
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1185  
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1186  
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1187  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1188  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1189  
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1190  
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1191  
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1192  
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1193  
electors of the territory of the court. 1194

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1195  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1196  
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1197  
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1198  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1199  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1200  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1201  
Revised Code. 1202

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1203  
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1204  
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1205  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1206  
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1207  
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1208  
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1209  
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1210  
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1211  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1212

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 1274  
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1275  
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1276  
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1277  
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1278  
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1279  
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1280  
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1281  
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1282  
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1283  
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1284  
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1285  
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1286  
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1287  
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1288  
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1289  
Revised Code. 1290

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1291  
county, ~~Columbiana county~~, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam 1292  
county, Sandusky county, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1293  
municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population 1294  
of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk 1295  
shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office 1296  
until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 1297

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and 1298  
Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a 1299  
term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this 1300  
section. 1301

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1302  
Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1303

courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1304  
Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1305  
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown 1306  
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1307  
county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for 1308  
each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1309  
1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge 1310  
of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive 1311  
the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The 1312  
clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1313  
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting 1314  
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1315  
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1316  
municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall 1317  
receive compensation payable from the county treasury in 1318  
semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is 1319  
prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1320  
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1321  
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1322  
Code. 1323

~~(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of-~~ 1324  
~~courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal-~~ 1325  
~~court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office-~~ 1326  
~~that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised-~~ 1327  
~~Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of-~~ 1328  
~~the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy-~~ 1329  
~~clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that-~~ 1330  
~~the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of-~~ 1331  
~~Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county-~~ 1332  
~~municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall-~~ 1333  
~~receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly-~~ 1334

~~installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1335~~  
~~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~~  
~~Revised Code. 1340~~

(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 Columbiana 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 Columbiana 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 1397  
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1398  
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1399  
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1400  
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1401  
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1402  
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1403  
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1404  
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1405  
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1406  
this section. 1407

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana 1408  
county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, 1409  
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 1410  
population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 1411  
in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 1412  
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 1413  
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 1414

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1415  
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1416  
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1417  
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1418  
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1419  
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1420  
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1421  
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1422

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1423  
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1424  
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1425  
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 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 1520  
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1521  
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1522  
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1523  
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1524  
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1525  
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1526  
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1527

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 1528  
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 1529  
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 1530  
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 1531  
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 1532  
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 1533  
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 1534  
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 1535  
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 1536  
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 1537  
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 1538  
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 1539  
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1540  
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 1541  
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 1542  
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 1543  
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 1544  
of the deputy clerk's duties. 1545

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 1546  
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 1547  
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 1548  
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 1549  
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 1550

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 1580  
mentally ill person subject to court order, as defined in 1581  
section 5122.01 of the Revised Code; 1582

(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging 1583  
adults with the violation of any section of this chapter; 1584

(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an 1585  
adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section 1586  
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, 1587  
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the 1588  
Revised Code, provided the charge is not included in an 1589  
indictment that also charges the alleged adult offender with the 1590  
commission of a felony arising out of the same actions that are 1591  
the basis of the alleged violation of division (C) of section 1592  
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, 1593  
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the 1594  
Revised Code; 1595

(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 1596  
2151.56 of the Revised Code; 1597

(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody 1598  
pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being 1599  
notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the 1600  
reasons for taking the child into custody; 1601

(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of 1602  
temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of 1603  
permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section 1604  
5103.15 of the Revised Code; 1605

(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to 1606  
marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code; 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 1666  
under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International 1667  
Child Abduction pursuant to section 3127.32 of the Revised Code; 1668

(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws 1669  
of this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a 1670  
court of another state and registered in accordance with section 1671  
3127.35 of the Revised Code. 1672

(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that 1673  
are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a 1674  
separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to 1675  
hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or 1676  
legal separation that involves the custody or care of children 1677  
and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by 1678  
the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the 1679  
action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no 1680  
certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court 1681  
unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. 1682  
After a certification of that nature is made and consent is 1683  
obtained, the juvenile court shall proceed as if the action 1684  
originally had been begun in that court, except as to awards for 1685  
spousal support or support due and unpaid at the time of 1686  
certification, over which the juvenile court has no 1687  
jurisdiction. 1688

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 1689  
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 1690  
and determine all matters as to custody and support of children 1691  
duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile 1692  
court after a divorce decree has been granted, including 1693  
jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of 1694

common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of 1695  
children. 1696

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 1697  
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 1698  
and determine the case of any child certified to the court by 1699  
any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within 1700  
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this 1701  
section. 1702

(F) (1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction 1703  
in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and 1704  
3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, 1705  
sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the 1706  
Revised Code. 1707

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 1708  
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the 1709  
Revised Code. 1710

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for 1711  
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., 1712  
and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay 1713  
child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or 1714  
after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, 1715  
is found in contempt of court for failure to make support 1716  
payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in 1717  
addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess 1718  
all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against 1719  
the person and require the person to pay any reasonable 1720  
attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the 1721  
court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt. 1722

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an 1723

offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or 1724  
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 dispositional 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 1846  
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 1847  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1848  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1849  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 1850  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 1851  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 1852  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 1853  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 1854  
division of domestic relations. 1855

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 1856  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 1857  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 1858  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 1859  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 1860  
relations. 1861

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1862  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 1863  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 1864  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 1865  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 1866  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 1867  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 1868  
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 1869  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 1870  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 1871

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 1872  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 1873  
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 1874  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 1875

drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 1876  
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 1877  
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 1878  
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 1879  
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1880  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 1881  
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1882

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1883  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1884  
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 1885  
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1886  
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 1887  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1888  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1889  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1890  
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 1891  
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 1892  
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 1893  
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 1894  
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 1895

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1896  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1897  
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 1898  
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 1899  
both of the following apply: 1900

(a) One of the following applies: 1901

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1902  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1903  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1904  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1905

offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.	1906
(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in	1907
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the	1908
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July	1909
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the	1910
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor,	1911
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of	1912
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from	1913
treatment.	1914
(b) All of the following apply:	1915
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community	1916
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a	1917
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required	1918
to be imposed.	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	1922
drug or alcohol driven.	1923
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to	1924
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	1925
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	1926
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county	1927
prosecutor approves of the referral.	1928
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common	1929
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases	1930
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a	1931
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative	1932

judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 1933  
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 1934  
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 1935  
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 1936  
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 1937  
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 1938  
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 1939

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 1940  
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 1941  
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 1942  
Revised Code. 1943

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 1944

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1945  
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 1946  
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 1947  
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 1948  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1949  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1950  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 1951  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1952  
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 1953  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 1954  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 1955  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1956  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 1957  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1958  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1959  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1960  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1961  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 1962

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.

(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.

(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.

(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.

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009,

with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1993  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 1994  
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1995  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1996  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1997  
relations. 1998

(D) In Lucas county: 1999

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2000  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 2001  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2002  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2003  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 2004  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2005  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2006  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 2007  
assigned to them. 2008

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2009  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 2010  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 2011  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 2012  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 2013  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2014

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2015  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 2016  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2017  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2018  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 2019  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2020  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2021  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2022

jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 2023  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2024  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 2025  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 2026  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 2027  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2028  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2029  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 2030  
in the discharge of their various duties. 2031

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 2032  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 2033  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 2034  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 2035  
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 2036  
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 2037  
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2038  
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 2039  
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 2040  
parties to an action pending in the division. 2041

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2042  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2043  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2044  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 2045  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 2046  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 2047

(E) In Mahoning county: 2048

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2049  
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2050  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2051  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2052

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 2114  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2115  
and annulment cases. 2116

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2117  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2118  
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 2119  
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 2120  
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2121  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2122  
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 2123  
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 2124  
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 2125  
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 2126  
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2127  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2128  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2129  
fix their duties. 2130

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2131  
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 2132  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2133  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2134  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 2135  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2136  
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 2137  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2138  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2139

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2140  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 2141  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2142  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2143

employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2144  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 2145  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 2146  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2147  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2148  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2149  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2150  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2151  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2152  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2153  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2154  
the division. 2155

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2156  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2157  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2158  
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 2159  
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 2160  
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 2161  
of those divisions. 2162

(G) In Richland county: 2163

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2164  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 2165  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2166  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2167  
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 2168  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2169  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 2170  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2171  
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 2172  
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 2173

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 2205  
shall fix their duties. 2206

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2207  
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2208  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2209  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2210  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 2211  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2212  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2213  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2214  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2215  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2216  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2217  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 2218  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2219  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2220  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 2221  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 2222  
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 2223  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2224  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2225  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2226

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2227  
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2228  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 2229  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2230  
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 2231  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2232  
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 2233  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2234

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 2235  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2236  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2237  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2238  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2239  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 2240  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 2241  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2242  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2243

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 2244  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 2245  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 2246  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2247  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2248  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 2249  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 2250  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 2251  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2252  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2253  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2254  
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 2255  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 2256  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 2257

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 2258  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 2259  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2260  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 2261  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 2262  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 2263

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 2264

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 2326  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2327  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2328  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2329  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2330  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 2331  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 2332  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 2333  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 2334  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 2335  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2336  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2337  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2338

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 2339  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2340  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2341  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2342  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2343  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 2344  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2345  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2346  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2347  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2348  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2349  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2350  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2351  
the division. 2352

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2353  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2354  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2355  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2356

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 2388  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2389  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2390  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2391  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 2392  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 2393  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 2394  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 2395  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 2396  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2397  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2398  
division. 2399

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 2400  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2401  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2402  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2403  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2404  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2405  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 2406  
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2407  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2408  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2409

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2410  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 2411  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2412  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2413  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 2414  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2415  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2416  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2417  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 2418

that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2419  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 2420  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 2421  
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 2422  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 2423  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 2424  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 2425  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 2426  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2427  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 2428  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 2429  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 2430  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2431  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 2432  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2433  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2434  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 2435  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 2436  
various duties. 2437

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 2438  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 2439  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 2440  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 2441  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2442  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 2443  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2444  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2445  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2446

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2447  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2448  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2449

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 2540  
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 2541  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 2542  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 2543  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2544  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2545  
other judge. 2546

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 2547  
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 2548  
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 2549  
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 2550  
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 2551  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 2552  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 2553

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 2554  
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 2555  
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 2556  
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 2557  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 2558  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 2559  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2560  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 2561  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2562  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 2563  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 2564  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 2565

(0) In Greene county: 2566

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2567  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2568  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2569

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2570  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 2571  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 2572  
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2573  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 2574  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 2575  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 2576  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2577  
court of common pleas. 2578

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2579  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2580  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 2581  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 2582  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2583  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 2584  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2585  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2586  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2587  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 2588  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 2589  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 2590  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 2591  
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 2592  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 2593  
general division of the court of common pleas. 2594

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2595  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2596  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2597  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2598  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 2599  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2600

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 2631  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 2632  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2633  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2634  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2635  
annulment cases ~~coming before the court,~~ all cases arising under 2636  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2637  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2638  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2639  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2640  
parenting time, and visitation, all proceedings arising under 2641  
the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 2642  
3115. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under 2643  
sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, all 2644  
proceedings arising under the uniform child custody jurisdiction 2645  
and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of the Revised 2646  
Code, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from 2647  
those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 2648  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2649  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2650  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2651  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2652  
division. 2653

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2654  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2655  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2656  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2657  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2658  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2659  
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2660  
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the 2661

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, 2005, 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 Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges 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 administrative judge of the division of domestic relations 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 administrative judge of the division of domestic relations 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 2754  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2755  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2756  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2757

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 2758  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 2759  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2760  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2761  
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 2762  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2763  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2764  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2765  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2766  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2767  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2768  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2769  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2770  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2771  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2772  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2773  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2774  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2775  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2776

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2777  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2778  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2779  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2780  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2781  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2782  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2783  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2784

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2785  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2786  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2787  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2788  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2789  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2790  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2791

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 2792  
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 2793  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2794  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2795  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 2796  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2797  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2798  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2799  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2800  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2801  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2802  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2803  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2804  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2805  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2806  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2807  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2808  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2809  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2810

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2811  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2812  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2813  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2814  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2815

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2816  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2817  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2818  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2819  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2820  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2821  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2822  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2823  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2824  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2825

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2826  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2827  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2828  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2829  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 2830  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2831  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2832  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2833  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2834  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2835  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2836  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2837  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2838  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2839  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2840  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2841  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 2842  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2843  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 2844  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2845  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 2846

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 2939  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2940  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 2941  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 2942  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 2943  
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 2944  
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 2945  
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 2946  
the personnel of the division. 2947

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2948  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2949  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2950  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2951  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2952  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2953  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2954  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2955  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2956  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2957  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2958  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2959  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2960  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2961  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2962

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 2963  
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 2964  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 2965  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 2966  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2967  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 2968  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 2969

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 3001  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3002  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3003  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3004  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3005  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 3006  
(Z) (1) of this section. 3007

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3008  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 3009  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 3010  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 3011  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 3012  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 3013  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 3014  
pleas of Marion county. 3015

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 3016  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3017  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 3018  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 3019  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3020  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 3021  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 3022  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 3023  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 3024  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 3025  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z) (2) of this 3026  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 3027  
common pleas of Marion county. 3028

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 3029  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3030

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3031  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3032  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 3033  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 3034  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3035  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3036  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3037  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3038  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3039  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3040  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3041  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3042  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3043  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3044  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3045  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3046  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3047

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3048  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3049  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3050  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3051  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3052  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3053  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3054  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3055  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3056  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3057  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3058  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3059  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3060  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3061

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  
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 3097  
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 3124  
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 3125  
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 3126  
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 3127  
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 3128  
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 3129  
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 3130  
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 3131  
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 3132  
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3133

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 3134  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 3135  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 3136  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 3137  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3138  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3139  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 3140  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 3141  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 3142  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 3143  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3144  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3145  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3146  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3147  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3148  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3149  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3150  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3151  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3152  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 3153  
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 3154

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 3186  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 3187  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 3188  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 3189  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3190  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 3191  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 3192  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 3193  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 3194  
of common pleas. 3195

(FF) In Hardin county: 3196

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3197  
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 3198  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3199  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3200  
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 3201  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3202  
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 3203  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 3204  
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 3205  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3206  
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3207  
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 3208  
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 3209  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3210  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3211  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3212  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3213  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3214  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3215  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3216

the court of common pleas. 3217

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3218  
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 3219  
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 3220  
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 3221  
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 3222  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3223  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3224

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3225  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 3226  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 3227  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 3228  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 3229  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 3230  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 3231  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 3232  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 3233

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 3234  
1901.027, 1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised 3235  
Code are hereby repealed. 3236

**Section 3.** The East Liverpool Municipal Court shall 3237  
continue in operation until the effective date of this section, 3238  
at which time the East Liverpool Municipal Court shall cease 3239  
operations and its existence shall terminate. 3240

**Section 4.** All causes, executions, and other proceedings 3241  
pending in the East Liverpool Municipal Court on the effective 3242  
date of this section, shall be transferred to and proceed in the 3243  
Columbiana County Municipal Court on the effective date of this 3244  
section, as if originally instituted in the Columbiana County 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