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A BILL

To amend sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 956.11, 1
956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 2
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1907.11, 2301.03, 3
3794.09, 3901.321, 3913.13, 3913.23, 5101.35, 4
and 5164.38 and to enact sections 101.55, 5
107.13, 303.65, 519.26, and 713.16 of the 6
Revised Code to generally change the venue in 7
which appeal from an agency order is proper to 8
the local court of common pleas and provide 9
special rules regarding consideration of such 10
cases, to revise the law governing claim 11
preclusion in zoning appeals, to revise the law 12
governing the referral of cases to the Hamilton 13
County Drug Court, to transfer Perry Township in 14
Wood County and Washington Township in Hancock 15
County from the territorial jurisdiction of the 16
Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court to the 17
territorial jurisdiction of, respectively, the 18
Bowling Green Municipal Court and the Findlay 19
Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, to allow the 20
General Assembly to intervene in certain 21

actions, to allow the General Assembly and the 22
Governor to retain special counsel, and to 23
replace two part-time judgeships in the Sandusky 24
County County Court with one full-time judge. 25

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

Section 1. That sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 956.11, 26
956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 1901.07, 1901.08, 27
1901.31, 1907.11, 2301.03, 3794.09, 3901.321, 3913.13, 3913.23, 28
5101.35, and 5164.38 be amended and sections 101.55, 107.13, 29
303.65, 519.26, and 713.16 of the Revised Code be enacted to 30
read as follows: 31

Sec. 101.55. (A) (1) The speaker of the house of 32
representatives, in the speaker's official capacity as the 33
presiding officer of the house of representatives, may retain 34
legal counsel other than from the attorney general for either of 35
the following purposes: 36

(a) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the house in 37
any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to the 38
constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 39
matter of statewide concern. The house may intervene in any such 40
judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of right. 41
Intervention under this division shall be in accordance with 42
Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 24 of 43
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 44

(b) To provide advice and counsel to the speaker on 45
matters that affect the official business of the house. 46

(2) The speaker shall approve all terms of representation 47
and authorize payment for all financial costs incurred under 48
division (A)(1) of this section from the house of 49
representatives' operating expenses appropriation line item or 50
from a separate appropriation made for those costs. 51

(3) The house of representatives may rescind the retention 52
of a particular legal counsel in a particular matter under 53
division (A)(1) of this section by a resolution adopted by the 54
affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the 55
house. 56

(B)(1) The president of the senate, in the president's 57
official capacity as the presiding officer of the senate, may 58
retain legal counsel other than from the attorney general for 59
either of the following purposes: 60

(a) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the senate 61
in any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to the 62
constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 63
matter of statewide concern. The senate may intervene in any 64
such judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of right. 65
Intervention under this division shall be in accordance with 66
Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 24 of 67
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 68

(b) To provide advice and counsel to the president on 69
matters that affect the official business of the senate. 70

(2) The president shall approve all terms of 71
representation and authorize payment for all financial costs 72
incurred under division (B)(1) of this section from the senate's 73
operating expenses appropriation line item or from a separate 74
appropriation made for those costs. 75

(3) The senate may rescind the retention of a particular 76
legal counsel in a particular matter under division (B) (1) of 77
this section by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of 78
a majority of the members elected to the senate. 79

(C) (1) The speaker of the house of representatives and the 80
president of the senate, acting jointly in their official 81
capacities as the presiding officers of the houses of the 82
general assembly, may retain legal counsel other than from the 83
attorney general for either of the following purposes: 84

(a) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the general 85
assembly in any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to 86
the constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 87
matter of statewide concern. The general assembly may intervene 88
in any such judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of 89
right. Intervention under this division shall be in accordance 90
with Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 91
24 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 92

(b) To provide advice and counsel to the speaker and the 93
president, jointly, on matters that affect the official business 94
of the general assembly. 95

(2) The speaker and the president shall jointly approve 96
all terms of representation and authorize payment for all 97
financial costs incurred under division (C) (1) of this section 98
from the house of representatives' and the senate's operating 99
expenses appropriation line items or from a separate 100
appropriation made for those costs. 101

(3) The general assembly may rescind the retention of a 102
particular legal counsel in a particular matter under division 103
(C) (1) of this section by a concurrent resolution adopted by the 104

affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to each 105
house of the general assembly. 106

(D) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, nothing 107
in this section shall be construed to do any of the following: 108

(1) Constitute a waiver of the legislative immunity or 109
legislative privilege of the speaker, the president, or any 110
member, officer, or staff of either house of the general 111
assembly; 112

(2) Permit any violation of section 9.58 of the Revised 113
Code; 114

(3) Permit the retention of counsel, or intervention, in 115
any criminal proceeding; 116

(4) Limit any authority of the speaker of the house of 117
representatives, the president of the senate, the general 118
assembly, or any member of the general assembly that is granted 119
under the constitution of this state or under any other 120
provision of law. 121

Sec. 107.13. (A) The governor, in the governor's official 122
capacity as the supreme executive of this state, may retain 123
legal counsel other than from the attorney general for either of 124
the following purposes: 125

(1) To represent, and intervene on behalf of, the governor 126
in any judicial proceeding that involves a challenge to the 127
constitution or laws of this state and that is an important 128
matter of statewide concern. The governor may intervene in any 129
such judicial proceeding at any time as a matter of right. 130
Intervention under this division shall be in accordance with 131
Rule 24 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure or with Rule 24 of 132
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as applicable. 133

(2) To provide advice and counsel to the governor on 134
matters that affect the official business of the office of the 135
governor. 136

(B) The governor shall approve all terms of representation 137
and authorize payment for all financial costs incurred under 138
division (A) of this section from the office of the governor's 139
operating expenses appropriation line item or from a separate 140
appropriation made for those costs. The requirements of sections 141
125.05 and 127.16 of the Revised Code do not apply to a 142
representation agreement entered into under division (A) of this 143
section. 144

(C) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, nothing 145
in this section shall be construed to do any of the following: 146

(1) Constitute a waiver of any executive privilege of the 147
governor or any executive officer or staff; 148

(2) Permit any violation of section 9.58 of the Revised 149
Code; 150

(3) Permit the retention of counsel, or intervention, in 151
any criminal proceeding; 152

(4) Limit any authority of the governor that is granted 153
under the constitution of this state or under any other 154
provision of law. 155

Sec. 109.02. The attorney general is the chief law officer 156
for the state and all its departments and shall be provided with 157
adequate office space in Columbus. Except as provided in 158
division (E) of section 120.06 and in sections 101.55, 107.13, 159
and 3517.152 to 3517.157 of the Revised Code, no state officer 160
or board, or head of a department or institution of the state 161
shall employ, or be represented by, other counsel or attorneys 162

at law. The attorney general shall appear for the state in the 163
trial and argument of all civil and criminal causes in the 164
supreme court in which the state is directly or indirectly 165
interested. When required by the governor or the general 166
assembly, the attorney general shall appear for the state in any 167
court or tribunal in a cause in which the state is a party, or 168
in which the state is directly interested. Upon the written 169
request of the governor, the attorney general shall prosecute 170
any person indicted for a crime. 171

Sec. 119.12. ~~(A) (1) Except as provided in division (A) (2) 172
or (3) of this section, any (A) Any party adversely affected by 173
any order of an agency issued pursuant to an adjudication 174
denying an applicant admission to an examination, or denying the 175
issuance or renewal of a license or registration of a licensee, 176
or revoking or suspending a license, or allowing the payment of 177
a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of the Revised Code may 178
appeal from the order of the agency to the court of common pleas 179
of the county in which the place of business of the licensee is 180
located or the county in which the licensee is a 181
resident designated in division (B) of this section. 182~~

~~(2) (B) An appeal from an order described in division (A) 183
(1) (A) of this section shall be filed in the county designated 184
as follows: 185~~

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) (2) of 186
this section, an appeal from an order of an agency issued 187
pursuant to an adjudication denying an applicant admission to an 188
examination, denying the issuance or renewal of a license or 189
registration of a licensee, revoking or suspending a license, or 190
allowing the payment of a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of 191
the Revised Code shall be filed in the county in which the place 192

of business of the licensee is located or the county in which 193
the licensee is a resident. 194

(2) An appeal from an order issued by any of the following 195
agencies shall be made to the court of common pleas of Franklin 196
county or the court of common pleas in the county in which the 197
place of business of the licensee is located or the county in 198
which the licensee is a resident: 199

(a) The liquor control commission; 200

(b) The Ohio casino control commission~~7i~~; 201

(c) The state medical board; 202

~~(e)The~~ (d) The state chiropractic board; 203

~~(d)The~~ (e) The board of nursing; 204

~~(e)The~~ (f) The bureau of workers' compensation regarding 205
participation in the health partnership program created in 206
sections 4121.44 and 4121.441 of the Revised Code. 207

~~(3) If any party appealing from an order described in~~ 208
~~division (A) (1) of this section is not a resident of and has no~~ 209
~~place of business in this state, the party may appeal to the~~ 210
~~court of common pleas of Franklin county.~~ 211

~~(B) Any party adversely affected by any order of an agency~~ 212
~~issued pursuant to any other adjudication may appeal to the~~ 213
~~court of common pleas of Franklin county, except that appeals~~ 214

Appeals from orders of the fire marshal issued under 215
Chapter 3737. of the Revised Code ~~may~~ shall be to the court of 216
common pleas of the county in which the building of the 217
aggrieved person is located ~~and except that appeals.~~ 218

(4) Appeals under division (B) of section 124.34 of the 219

Revised Code from a decision of the state personnel board of 220
review or a municipal or civil service township civil service 221
commission shall be taken to the court of common pleas of the 222
county in which the appointing authority is located or, in the 223
case of an appeal by the department of rehabilitation and 224
correction, to the court of common pleas of Franklin county. 225

(5) If any party appealing from an order described in 226
division (B) (1), (2), or (6) of this section is not a resident 227
of and has no place of business in this state, the party shall 228
appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin county. 229

(6) Any party adversely affected by any order of an agency 230
issued pursuant to any other adjudication may appeal to the 231
court of common pleas of Franklin county or the court of common 232
pleas of the county in which the business of the party is 233
located or in which the party is a resident. 234

(C) This section does not apply to appeals from the 235
department of taxation. 236

(D) Any party desiring to appeal shall file a notice of 237
appeal with the agency setting forth the order appealed from and 238
stating that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, 239
probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance 240
with law. The notice of appeal may, but need not, set forth the 241
specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that 242
the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and 243
substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. The 244
notice of appeal shall also be filed by the appellant with the 245
court. In filing a notice of appeal with the agency or court, 246
the notice that is filed may be either the original notice or a 247
copy of the original notice. Unless otherwise provided by law 248
relating to a particular agency, notices of appeal shall be 249

filed within fifteen days after the mailing of the notice of the 250
agency's order as provided in this section. For purposes of this 251
paragraph, an order includes a determination appealed pursuant 252
to division (C) of section 119.092 of the Revised Code. The 253
amendments made to this paragraph by Sub. H.B. 215 of the 128th 254
general assembly are procedural, and this paragraph as amended 255
by those amendments shall be applied retrospectively to all 256
appeals pursuant to this paragraph filed before September 13, 257
2010, but not earlier than May 7, 2009, which was the date the 258
supreme court of Ohio released its opinion and judgment in 259
Medcorp, Inc. v. Ohio Dep't. of Job and Family Servs. (2009), 260
121 Ohio St.3d 622. 261

(E) The filing of a notice of appeal shall not 262
automatically operate as a suspension of the order of an agency. 263
If it appears to the court that an unusual hardship to the 264
appellant will result from the execution of the agency's order 265
pending determination of the appeal, the court may grant a 266
suspension and fix its terms. If an appeal is taken from the 267
judgment of the court and the court has previously granted a 268
suspension of the agency's order as provided in this section, 269
the suspension of the agency's order shall not be vacated and 270
shall be given full force and effect until the matter is finally 271
adjudicated. No renewal of a license or permit shall be denied 272
by reason of the suspended order during the period of the appeal 273
from the decision of the court of common pleas. In the case of 274
an appeal from the Ohio casino control commission, the state 275
medical board, or the state chiropractic board, the court may 276
grant a suspension and fix its terms if it appears to the court 277
that an unusual hardship to the appellant will result from the 278
execution of the agency's order pending determination of the 279
appeal and the health, safety, and welfare of the public will 280

not be threatened by suspension of the order. This provision 281
shall not be construed to limit the factors the court may 282
consider in determining whether to suspend an order of any other 283
agency pending determination of an appeal. 284

(F) The final order of adjudication may apply to any 285
renewal of a license or permit which has been granted during the 286
period of the appeal. 287

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 288
any order issued by a court of common pleas or a court of 289
appeals suspending the effect of an order of the liquor control 290
commission issued pursuant to Chapter 4301. or 4303. of the 291
Revised Code that suspends, revokes, or cancels a permit issued 292
under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code or that allows the 293
payment of a forfeiture under section 4301.252 of the Revised 294
Code shall terminate not more than six months after the date of 295
the filing of the record of the liquor control commission with 296
the clerk of the court of common pleas and shall not be 297
extended. The court of common pleas, or the court of appeals on 298
appeal, shall render a judgment in that matter within six months 299
after the date of the filing of the record of the liquor control 300
commission with the clerk of the court of common pleas. A court 301
of appeals shall not issue an order suspending the effect of an 302
order of the liquor control commission that extends beyond six 303
months after the date on which the record of the liquor control 304
commission is filed with a court of common pleas. 305

(H) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 306
any order issued by a court of common pleas or a court of 307
appeals suspending the effect of an order of the Ohio casino 308
control commission issued under Chapter 3772. of the Revised 309
Code that limits, conditions, restricts, suspends, revokes, 310

denies, not renews, fines, or otherwise penalizes an applicant, 311
licensee, or person excluded or ejected from a casino facility 312
in accordance with section 3772.031 of the Revised Code shall 313
terminate not more than six months after the date of the filing 314
of the record of the Ohio casino control commission with the 315
clerk of the court of common pleas and shall not be extended. 316
The court of common pleas, or the court of appeals on appeal, 317
shall render a judgment in that matter within six months after 318
the date of the filing of the record of the Ohio casino control 319
commission with the clerk of the court of common pleas. A court 320
of appeals shall not issue an order suspending the effect of an 321
order of the Ohio casino control commission that extends beyond 322
six months after the date on which the record of the Ohio casino 323
control commission is filed with the clerk of a court of common 324
pleas. 325

(I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, 326
any order issued by a court of common pleas suspending the 327
effect of an order of the state medical board or state 328
chiropractic board that limits, revokes, suspends, places on 329
probation, or refuses to register or reinstate a certificate 330
issued by the board or reprimands the holder of the certificate 331
shall terminate not more than fifteen months after the date of 332
the filing of a notice of appeal in the court of common pleas, 333
or upon the rendering of a final decision or order in the appeal 334
by the court of common pleas, whichever occurs first. 335

~~(I)~~ (J) Within thirty days after receipt of a notice of 336
appeal from an order in any case in which a hearing is required 337
by sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, the agency 338
shall prepare and certify to the court a complete record of the 339
proceedings in the case. Failure of the agency to comply within 340
the time allowed, upon motion, shall cause the court to enter a 341

finding in favor of the party adversely affected. Additional 342
time, however, may be granted by the court, not to exceed thirty 343
days, when it is shown that the agency has made substantial 344
effort to comply. The record shall be prepared and transcribed, 345
and the expense of it shall be taxed as a part of the costs on 346
the appeal. The appellant shall provide security for costs 347
satisfactory to the court of common pleas. Upon demand by any 348
interested party, the agency shall furnish at the cost of the 349
party requesting it a copy of the stenographic report of 350
testimony offered and evidence submitted at any hearing and a 351
copy of the complete record. 352

~~(J)~~ (K) Notwithstanding any other provision of this 353
section, any party desiring to appeal an order or decision of 354
the state personnel board of review shall, at the time of filing 355
a notice of appeal with the board, provide a security deposit in 356
an amount and manner prescribed in rules that the board shall 357
adopt in accordance with this chapter. In addition, the board is 358
not required to prepare or transcribe the record of any of its 359
proceedings unless the appellant has provided the deposit 360
described above. The failure of the board to prepare or 361
transcribe a record for an appellant who has not provided a 362
security deposit shall not cause a court to enter a finding 363
adverse to the board. 364

~~(K)~~ (L) Unless otherwise provided by law, in the hearing 365
of the appeal, the court is confined to the record as certified 366
to it by the agency. Unless otherwise provided by law, the court 367
may grant a request for the admission of additional evidence 368
when satisfied that the additional evidence is newly discovered 369
and could not with reasonable diligence have been ascertained 370
prior to the hearing before the agency. 371

~~(I)~~ (M) The court shall conduct a hearing on the appeal 372
and shall give preference to all proceedings under sections 373
119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, over all other civil 374
cases, irrespective of the position of the proceedings on the 375
calendar of the court. An appeal from an order of the state 376
medical board issued pursuant to division (G) of either section 377
4730.25 or 4731.22 of the Revised Code, the state chiropractic 378
board issued pursuant to section 4734.37 of the Revised Code, 379
the liquor control commission issued pursuant to Chapter 4301. 380
or 4303. of the Revised Code, or the Ohio casino control 381
commission issued pursuant to Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code 382
shall be set down for hearing at the earliest possible time and 383
takes precedence over all other actions. The hearing in the 384
court of common pleas shall proceed as in the trial of a civil 385
action, and the court shall determine the rights of the parties 386
in accordance with the laws applicable to a civil action. At the 387
hearing, counsel may be heard on oral argument, briefs may be 388
submitted, and evidence may be introduced if the court has 389
granted a request for the presentation of additional evidence. 390

~~(M)~~ (N) The court may affirm the order of the agency 391
complained of in the appeal if it finds, upon consideration of 392
the entire record and any additional evidence the court has 393
admitted, that the order is supported by reliable, probative, 394
and substantial evidence and is in accordance with law. In the 395
absence of this finding, it may reverse, vacate, or modify the 396
order or make such other ruling as is supported by reliable, 397
probative, and substantial evidence and is in accordance with 398
law. The court shall award compensation for fees in accordance 399
with section 2335.39 of the Revised Code to a prevailing party, 400
other than an agency, in an appeal filed pursuant to this 401
section. 402

~~(N)~~ (O) The judgment of the court shall be final and 403
conclusive unless reversed, vacated, or modified on appeal. 404
These appeals may be taken either by the party or the agency, 405
shall proceed as in the case of appeals in civil actions, and 406
shall be pursuant to the Rules of Appellate Procedure and, to 407
the extent not in conflict with those rules, Chapter 2505. of 408
the Revised Code. An appeal by the agency shall be taken on 409
questions of law relating to the constitutionality, 410
construction, or interpretation of statutes and rules of the 411
agency, and, in the appeal, the court may also review and 412
determine the correctness of the judgment of the court of common 413
pleas that the order of the agency is not supported by any 414
reliable, probative, and substantial evidence in the entire 415
record. 416

The court shall certify its judgment to the agency or take 417
any other action necessary to give its judgment effect. 418

Sec. 124.34. (A) The tenure of every officer or employee 419
in the classified service of the state and the counties, civil 420
service townships, cities, city health districts, general health 421
districts, and city school districts of the state, holding a 422
position under this chapter, shall be during good behavior and 423
efficient service. No officer or employee shall be reduced in 424
pay or position, fined, suspended, or removed, or have the 425
officer's or employee's longevity reduced or eliminated, except 426
as provided in section 124.32 of the Revised Code, and for 427
incompetency, inefficiency, unsatisfactory performance, 428
dishonesty, drunkenness, immoral conduct, insubordination, 429
discourteous treatment of the public, neglect of duty, violation 430
of any policy or work rule of the officer's or employee's 431
appointing authority, violation of this chapter or the rules of 432
the director of administrative services or the commission, any 433

other failure of good behavior, any other acts of misfeasance, 434
malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or conviction of a felony 435
while employed in the civil service. The denial of a one-time 436
pay supplement or a bonus to an officer or employee is not a 437
reduction in pay for purposes of this section. 438

This section does not apply to any modifications or 439
reductions in pay or work week authorized by section 124.392, 440
124.393, or 124.394 of the Revised Code. 441

An appointing authority may require an employee who is 442
suspended to report to work to serve the suspension. An employee 443
serving a suspension in this manner shall continue to be 444
compensated at the employee's regular rate of pay for hours 445
worked. The disciplinary action shall be recorded in the 446
employee's personnel file in the same manner as other 447
disciplinary actions and has the same effect as a suspension 448
without pay for the purpose of recording disciplinary actions. 449

A finding by the appropriate ethics commission, based upon 450
a preponderance of the evidence, that the facts alleged in a 451
complaint under section 102.06 of the Revised Code constitute a 452
violation of Chapter 102., section 2921.42, or section 2921.43 453
of the Revised Code may constitute grounds for dismissal. 454
Failure to file a statement or falsely filing a statement 455
required by section 102.02 of the Revised Code may also 456
constitute grounds for dismissal. The tenure of an employee in 457
the career professional service of the department of 458
transportation is subject to section 5501.20 of the Revised 459
Code. 460

Conviction of a felony while employed in the civil service 461
is a separate basis for reducing in pay or position, suspending, 462
or removing an officer or employee, even if the officer or 463

employee has already been reduced in pay or position, suspended, 464
or removed for the same conduct that is the basis of the felony. 465
An officer or employee may not appeal to the state personnel 466
board of review or the commission any disciplinary action taken 467
by an appointing authority as a result of the officer's or 468
employee's conviction of a felony. If an officer or employee 469
removed under this section is reinstated as a result of an 470
appeal of the removal, any conviction of a felony that occurs 471
during the pendency of the appeal is a basis for further 472
disciplinary action under this section upon the officer's or 473
employee's reinstatement. 474

A person convicted of a felony while employed in the civil 475
service immediately forfeits the person's status as a classified 476
employee in any public employment on and after the date of the 477
conviction for the felony. If an officer or employee is removed 478
under this section as a result of being convicted of a felony or 479
is subsequently convicted of a felony that involves the same 480
conduct that was the basis for the removal, the officer or 481
employee is barred from receiving any compensation after the 482
removal notwithstanding any modification or disaffirmance of the 483
removal, unless the conviction for the felony is subsequently 484
reversed or annulled. 485

Any person removed for conviction of a felony is entitled 486
to a cash payment for any accrued but unused sick, personal, and 487
vacation leave as authorized by law. If subsequently reemployed 488
in the public sector, the person shall qualify for and accrue 489
these forms of leave in the manner specified by law for a newly 490
appointed employee and shall not be credited with prior public 491
service for the purpose of receiving these forms of leave. 492

As used in this division, "felony" means any of the 493

following:	494
(1) A felony that is an offense of violence as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code;	495 496
(2) A felony that is a felony drug abuse offense as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code;	497 498
(3) A felony under the laws of this or any other state or the United States that is a crime of moral turpitude;	499 500
(4) A felony involving dishonesty, fraud, or theft;	501
(5) A felony that is a violation of section 2921.05, 2921.32, or 2921.42 of the Revised Code.	502 503
(B) In case of a reduction, a suspension of more than forty work hours in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime compensation, a suspension of more than twenty-four work hours in the case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, a fine of more than forty hours' pay in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime compensation, a fine of more than twenty-four hours' pay in the case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, or removal, except for the reduction or removal of a probationary employee, the appointing authority shall serve the employee with a copy of the order of reduction, fine, suspension, or removal, which order shall state the reasons for the action.	504 505 506 507 508 509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516
Within ten days following the date on which the order is served or, in the case of an employee in the career professional service of the department of transportation, within ten days following the filing of a removal order, the employee, except as otherwise provided in this section, may file an appeal of the order in writing with the state personnel board of review or the	517 518 519 520 521 522

commission. For purposes of this section, the date on which an 523
order is served is the date of hand delivery of the order or the 524
date of delivery of the order by certified United States mail, 525
whichever occurs first. If an appeal is filed, the board or 526
commission shall forthwith notify the appointing authority and 527
shall hear, or appoint a trial board to hear, the appeal within 528
thirty days from and after its filing with the board or 529
commission. The board, commission, or trial board may affirm, 530
disaffirm, or modify the judgment of the appointing authority. 531
However, in an appeal of a removal order based upon a violation 532
of a last chance agreement, the board, commission, or trial 533
board may only determine if the employee violated the agreement 534
and thus affirm or disaffirm the judgment of the appointing 535
authority. 536

In cases of removal or reduction in pay for disciplinary 537
reasons, either the appointing authority or the officer or 538
employee may appeal from the decision of the state personnel 539
board of review or the commission, and any such appeal shall be 540
to the court of common pleas ~~of the county in which the~~ 541
~~appointing authority is located, or to the court of common pleas~~ 542
~~of Franklin county, as provided by section 119.12 of the Revised~~ 543
~~Code in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code.~~ 544

(C) In the case of the suspension for any period of time, 545
or a fine, demotion, or removal, of a chief of police, a chief 546
of a fire department, or any member of the police or fire 547
department of a city or civil service township, who is in the 548
classified civil service, the appointing authority shall furnish 549
the chief or member with a copy of the order of suspension, 550
fine, demotion, or removal, which order shall state the reasons 551
for the action. The order shall be filed with the municipal or 552
civil service township civil service commission. Within ten days 553

following the filing of the order, the chief or member may file 554
an appeal, in writing, with the commission. If an appeal is 555
filed, the commission shall forthwith notify the appointing 556
authority and shall hear, or appoint a trial board to hear, the 557
appeal within thirty days from and after its filing with the 558
commission, and it may affirm, disaffirm, or modify the judgment 559
of the appointing authority. An appeal on questions of law and 560
fact may be had from the decision of the commission to the court 561
of common pleas in the county in which the city or civil service 562
township is situated. The appeal shall be taken within thirty 563
days from the finding of the commission. 564

(D) A violation of division (A) (7) of section 2907.03 of 565
the Revised Code is grounds for termination of employment of a 566
nonteaching employee under this section. 567

(E) The director shall adopt a rule in accordance with 568
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to define the term 569
"unsatisfactory performance" as it is used in this section with 570
regard to employees in the service of the state. 571

(F) As used in this section, "last chance agreement" means 572
an agreement signed by both an appointing authority and an 573
officer or employee of the appointing authority that describes 574
the type of behavior or circumstances that, if it occurs, will 575
automatically lead to removal of the officer or employee without 576
the right of appeal to the state personnel board of review or 577
the appropriate commission. 578

Sec. 303.65. A final judgment on the merits issued by a 579
court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to its power of review 580
under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code, on claims brought under 581
this chapter, does not preclude later claims for damages, 582
including claims brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983, even if the 583

common law doctrine of res judicata would otherwise bar the 584
claim. 585

The general assembly intends that this section be 586
construed to override the federal sixth circuit court of 587
appeals's decision in the case *Lavon Moore v. Hiram Twp.*, 988 588
F.3d 353 (6th Cir. 2021). 589

Sec. 519.26. A final judgment on the merits issued by a 590
court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to its power of review 591
under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code, on claims brought under 592
this chapter, does not preclude later claims for damages, 593
including claims brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983, even if the 594
common law doctrine of res judicata would otherwise bar the 595
claim. 596

The general assembly intends that this section be 597
construed to override the federal sixth circuit court of 598
appeals's decision in the case *Lavon Moore v. Hiram Twp.*, 988 599
F.3d 353 (6th Cir. 2021). 600

Sec. 713.16. A final judgment on the merits issued by a 601
court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to its power of review 602
under Chapter 2506. of the Revised Code, on claims brought under 603
this chapter, does not preclude later claims for damages, 604
including claims brought under 42 U.S.C. 1983, even if the 605
common law doctrine of res judicata would otherwise bar the 606
claim. 607

The general assembly intends that this section be 608
construed to override the federal sixth circuit court of 609
appeals's decision in the case *Lavon Moore v. Hiram Twp.*, 988 610
F.3d 353 (6th Cir. 2021). 611

Sec. 956.11. (A) The director of agriculture may enter 612

into contracts or agreements with an animal rescue for dogs, an 613
animal shelter for dogs, a boarding kennel, a veterinarian, a 614
board of county commissioners, or a humane society for the 615
purposes of this section. 616

(B) (1) If the director or the director's authorized 617
representative determines that a dog is being kept by a high 618
volume breeder or dog broker in a manner that materially 619
violates this chapter or rules adopted under it, the director 620
may impound the dog and order it to be seized by an animal 621
rescue for dogs, an animal shelter for dogs, a boarding kennel, 622
a veterinarian, a board of county commissioners, or a humane 623
society with which the director has entered into a contract or 624
agreement under division (A) of this section. Upon receiving the 625
order from the director, the animal rescue for dogs, animal 626
shelter for dogs, boarding kennel, veterinarian, board of county 627
commissioners, or humane society shall seize the dog and keep, 628
house, and maintain it. 629

(2) The director or the director's authorized 630
representative shall give written notice of the impoundment by 631
posting a notice on the door of the premises from which the dog 632
was taken or by otherwise posting the notice in a conspicuous 633
place at the premises from which the dog was taken. The notice 634
shall provide a date for an adjudication hearing, which shall 635
take place not later than five business days after the dog is 636
taken and at which the director shall determine if the dog 637
should be permanently relinquished to the custody of the 638
director. 639

(C) The owner or operator of the applicable high volume 640
breeder or the person acting as or performing the functions of a 641
dog broker may appeal the determination made at the adjudication 642

hearing in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code, 643
~~except that the appeal may be made only to the environmental~~ 644
~~division of the Franklin county municipal court.~~ 645

(D) If, after the final disposition of an adjudication 646
hearing and any appeals from that adjudication hearing, it is 647
determined that a dog shall be permanently relinquished to the 648
custody of the director, the dog may be adopted directly from 649
the animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding 650
kennel, veterinarian, county dog pound, or humane society where 651
it is being kept, housed, and maintained, provided that the dog 652
has been spayed or neutered unless there are medical reasons 653
against spaying or neutering as determined by a veterinarian. 654
The animal rescue for dogs, animal shelter for dogs, boarding 655
kennel, veterinarian, county dog pound, or humane society may 656
charge a reasonable adoption fee. The fee shall be at least 657
sufficient to cover the costs of spaying or neutering the dog 658
unless it is medically contraindicated. Impounded dogs shall be 659
returned to persons acquitted of any alleged violations. 660

Sec. 956.15. (A) The director of agriculture shall deny an 661
application for a license that is submitted under section 956.04 662
or 956.05 of the Revised Code for either of the following 663
reasons: 664

(1) The applicant for the license has violated any 665
provision of this chapter or a rule adopted under it if the 666
violation materially threatens the health or welfare of a dog. 667

(2) The applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 668
to a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with 669
section 9.79 of the Revised Code. 670

(B) The director may suspend or revoke a license issued 671

under this chapter for violation of any provision of this 672
chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under it if the 673
violation materially threatens the health and welfare of a dog. 674

(C) An application or a license shall not be denied, 675
suspended, or revoked under this section without a written order 676
of the director stating the findings on which the denial, 677
suspension, or revocation is based. A copy of the order shall be 678
sent to the applicant or license holder by certified mail or may 679
be provided to the applicant or license holder by personal 680
service. In addition, the person to whom a denial, suspension, 681
or revocation applies may request an adjudication hearing under 682
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The director shall comply with 683
such a request. The determination of the director at an 684
adjudication hearing may be appealed in accordance with section 685
119.12 of the Revised Code, ~~except that the determination may be~~ 686
~~appealed only to the environmental division of the Franklin~~ 687
~~county municipal court.~~ 688

Sec. 1901.01. (A) There is hereby established a municipal 689
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 690

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 691
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 692
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 693
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 694
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 695
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 696
Cleveland, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, Fairfield, Findlay, 697
Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield Heights, Georgetown, 698
Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Huron, Ironton, 699
Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lima, 700
Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, Marietta, Marion, 701

Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, Mentor, 702
Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount Vernon, 703
Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, Newton Falls, 704
Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, Painesville, 705
Parma, Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, 706
Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South 707
Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, 708
Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, 709
Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of Washington in 710
Fayette county, to be known as Washington Court House, Wauseon, 711
Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and 712
Zanesville. 713

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 714
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 715
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 716
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 717
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 718
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 719
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 720
this division. 721

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 722
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 723
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana county 724
that is selected by the judges of the municipal court pursuant 725
to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code. 726

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 727
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 728
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 729
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 730
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 731

authority of that court. 732

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 733
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 734
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 735

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 736
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 737

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 738
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 739
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 740
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 741
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 742
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 743
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 744
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 745

~~(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 746
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 747
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 748
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 749
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 750
legislative authority of that court. 751~~

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 752
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 753
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 754
for the Clermont county municipal court, and, effective January 755
1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court, within the municipal 756
corporation or unincorporated territory in which they are 757
established, and are courts of record. Each of the courts shall 758
be styled " _____ municipal court," 759
inserting the name of the municipal corporation, except the 760

- following courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 761
- (1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 762
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 763
court"; 764
 - (2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 765
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 766
court"; 767
 - (3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 768
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 769
 - (4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 770
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 771
 - (5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 772
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 773
 - (6) The municipal court established in London that shall 774
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 775
 - (7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 776
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 777
 - (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 778
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 779
 - (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 780
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 781
court"; 782
 - (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 783
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 784
 - (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 785
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 786
 - (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 787

be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 788

(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 789
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 790

(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 791
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 792

(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 793
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 794

(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 795
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 796

(17) The municipal court established within Clermont 797
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 798
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 799
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 800
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 801

(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 802
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 803
"Clinton county municipal court"; 804

(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 805
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal 806
court"; 807

(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 808
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 809
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 810

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 811
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 812
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 813
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 814
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 815

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 816
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 817
"Brown county municipal court"; 818

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 819
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 820
"Morrow county municipal court"; 821

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 822
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 823
"Darke county municipal court"; 824

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 825
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 826
"Holmes county municipal court"; 827

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 828
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 829
"Carroll county municipal court"; 830

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 831
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 832
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 833
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 834
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 835
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 836
court"; 837

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 838
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 839
"Putnam county municipal court"; 840

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 841
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 842
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 843
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 844

Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 845
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 846
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 847
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 848
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 849

~~(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 850
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 851
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 852
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 853
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 854
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 855
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 856~~

~~(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 857
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 858
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 859~~

~~(32) (31) The municipal court established in New Lexington 860
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 861
the "Perry county municipal court"; 862~~

~~(33) (32) The municipal court established in Paulding 863
that, beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as 864
the "Paulding county municipal court"; 865~~

~~(34) (33) The municipal court established in Wauseon that, 866
beginning January 1, 2024, shall be styled and known as the 867
"Fulton county municipal court." 868~~

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 869
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 870
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 871

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 872
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 873

corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit county.	874 875
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark county.	876 877 878
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashland county.	879 880
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	881 882
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within Athens county.	883 884
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction within Auglaize county.	885 886
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	887 888
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in Summit county.	889 890 891 892 893
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	894 895 896 897 898
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within Logan county.	899 900

The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme 901
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township 902
in Sandusky county. 903

The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the 904
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, 905
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted 906
township, in Cuyahoga county. 907

The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within 908
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, 909
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, 910
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising 911
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, ~~and~~; within 912
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, 913
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, 914
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county; and on and after 915
January 2, 2024, within Perry township in Wood county. 916

Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal 917
court has jurisdiction within Brown county. 918

The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams 919
county. 920

The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within 921
Guernsey county. 922

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within 923
Coitsville township in Mahoning county. 924

The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, 925
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in 926
Stark county. 927

The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within 928

Carroll county.	929
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	930 931
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	932 933
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	934 935
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	936 937
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	938 939
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	940 941
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	942 943
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	944 945
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	946 947
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within Columbiana county.	948 949
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coshocton county.	950 951
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within Crawford county.	952 953
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	954

court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	955
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	956
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	957
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	958
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	959
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	960
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	961
municipal corporation of Bradford.	962
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	963
Defiance county.	964
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	965
Delaware county.	966
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	967
county.	968
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	969
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	970
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	971
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	972
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	973
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	974
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	975
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	976
Vermilion.	977
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	978
municipal corporation of Beaver creek and within Bath and	979
Beaver creek townships in Greene county.	980
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	981
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	982

The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction, <u>until</u>	983
<u>January 2, 2024,</u> within all of Hancock county except within	984
Washington township, <u>and on and after January 2, 2024, within</u>	985
<u>all of Hancock county.</u>	986
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	987
Franklin township in Warren county.	988
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	989
within Franklin county.	990
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	991
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	992
Beginning January 1, 2024, the Fulton county municipal	993
court has jurisdiction within Fulton county.	994
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	995
Gallia county.	996
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	997
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	998
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	999
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	1000
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	1001
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	1002
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	1003
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	1004
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	1005
within Hamilton county.	1006
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1007
Hardin county.	1008
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	1009

of Highland county except within Madison township.	1010
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1011
Hocking county.	1012
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1013
Holmes county.	1014
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	1015
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	1016
corporation of Sandusky.	1017
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	1018
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	1019
townships in Lawrence county.	1020
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1021
Jackson county.	1022
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1023
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	1024
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	1025
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	1026
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	1027
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	1028
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	1029
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	1030
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	1031
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	1032
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1033
Licking county.	1034
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	1035
county.	1036

The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1037
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield 1038
township, in Lorain county. 1039

The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1040
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, 1041
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga 1042
county. 1043

The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within 1044
Madison county. 1045

The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within 1046
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy, 1047
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships, 1048
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in 1049
Richland county. 1050

The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within 1051
Washington county. 1052

The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion 1053
county. 1054

The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within 1055
Union county. 1056

The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within 1057
Deerfield township in Warren county. 1058

The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within 1059
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson 1060
townships in Stark county. 1061

The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1062
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within 1063
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions 1064

of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of 1065
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas 1066
county. 1067

The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1068
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- 1069
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick 1070
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, 1071
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in 1072
Medina county. 1073

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1074
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 1075

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 1076
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 1077
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 1078

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1079
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 1080
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 1081

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 1082
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 1083
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 1084

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 1085
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 1086
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 1087
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 1088
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 1089
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 1090

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 1091
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 1092

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within	1093
Knox county.	1094
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry	1095
county.	1096
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction	1097
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn,	1098
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover,	1099
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in	1100
Tuscarawas county.	1101
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within	1102
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington,	1103
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	1104
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1105
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield	1106
township in Trumbull county.	1107
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	1108
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	1109
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	1110
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1111
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	1112
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	1113
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	1114
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	1115
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	1116
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1117
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	1118
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	1119
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the	1120
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	1121

Toledo municipal court.	1122
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1123
Ottawa county.	1124
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	1125
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in	1126
Lake county.	1127
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1128
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale,	1129
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn	1130
Heights in Cuyahoga county.	1131
Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal	1132
court has jurisdiction within Perry county.	1133
Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal	1134
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county.	1135
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	1136
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	1137
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships,	1138
in Wood county.	1139
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1140
Portage county.	1141
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within	1142
Scioto county.	1143
The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within	1144
Putnam county.	1145
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within	1146
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview	1147
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in	1148

Cuyahoga county. 1149

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1150
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 1151
Perkins township, in Erie county. 1152

~~Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal~~ 1153
~~court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except~~ 1154
~~within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and~~ 1155
~~Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.~~ 1156

The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within 1157
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, 1158
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county. 1159

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 1160
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 1161
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 1162
in Richland county. 1163

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 1164
county. 1165

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 1166
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 1167
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 1168
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 1169
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 1170
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 1171

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1172
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 1173
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 1174
county. 1175

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1176

municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 1177
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 1178
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 1179
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 1180
in Lucas county. 1181

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 1182
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 1183
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 1184
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 1185
and beginning on January 1, 2014, and until January 2, 2024, has 1186
jurisdiction within Washington township in Hancock county, and 1187
within Perry township, except within the municipal corporation 1188
of West Millgrove, in Wood county. 1189

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 1190
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 1191
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 1192

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 1193
Wyandot county. 1194

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1195
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 1196
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 1197
county. 1198

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 1199
Wert county. 1200

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1201
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 1202
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 1203
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 1204

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1205

municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 1206
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 1207
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 1208

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 1209
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 1210
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 1211
county. 1212

The Washington Court House municipal court has 1213
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 1214

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 1215
Wayne county. 1216

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1217
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 1218
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 1219
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 1220
county. 1221

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 1222
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 1223

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 1224
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 1225
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 1226
Greene county. 1227

(C) As used in this section: 1228

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 1229
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 1230
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 1231
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 1232
governmentally a part of the township. 1233

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 1234
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 1235
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 1236
corporation. 1237

Sec. 1901.021. (A) Except as otherwise provided in 1238
division (M) of this section, the judge or judges of any 1239
municipal court established under division (A) of section 1240
1901.01 of the Revised Code having territorial jurisdiction 1241
outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 1242
which it is located may sit outside the corporate limits of the 1243
municipal corporation within the area of its territorial 1244
jurisdiction. 1245

(B) Two or more of the judges of the Hamilton county 1246
municipal court may be assigned by the presiding judge of the 1247
court to sit outside the municipal corporation of Cincinnati. 1248

(C) Two of the judges of the Portage county municipal 1249
court shall sit within the municipal corporation of Ravenna, and 1250
one of the judges shall sit within the municipal corporation of 1251
Kent. The judges may sit in other incorporated areas of Portage 1252
county. 1253

(D) The judges of the Wayne county municipal court shall 1254
sit within the municipal corporation of Wooster and may sit in 1255
other incorporated areas of Wayne county. 1256

(E) The judge of the Auglaize county municipal court shall 1257
sit within the municipal corporations of Wapakoneta and St. 1258
Marys and may sit in other incorporated areas in Auglaize 1259
county. 1260

(F) At least one of the judges of the Miami county 1261
municipal court shall sit within the municipal corporations of 1262

Troy, Piqua, and Tipp City, and the judges may sit in other 1263
incorporated areas of Miami county. 1264

(G) The judge of the Crawford county municipal court shall 1265
sit within the municipal corporations of Bucyrus and Galion and 1266
may sit in other incorporated areas in Crawford county. 1267

(H) The judge of the Jackson county municipal court shall 1268
sit within the municipal corporations of Jackson and Wellston 1269
and may sit in other incorporated areas in Jackson county. 1270

(I) Each judge of the Columbiana county municipal court 1271
may sit within the municipal corporation of Lisbon, Salem, or 1272
East Palestine until the judges jointly select a central 1273
location within the territorial jurisdiction of the court. When 1274
the judges select a central location, the judges shall sit at 1275
that location. 1276

(J) In any municipal court, other than the Hamilton county 1277
municipal court and the Montgomery county municipal court, that 1278
has more than one judge, the decision for one or more judges to 1279
sit outside the corporate limits of the municipal corporation 1280
shall be made by rule of the court as provided in division (C) 1281
of sections 1901.14 and 1901.16 of the Revised Code. 1282

(K) The assignment of a judge to sit in a municipal 1283
corporation other than that in which the court is located does 1284
not affect the jurisdiction of the mayor except as provided in 1285
section 1905.01 of the Revised Code. 1286

(L) The judges of the Clermont county municipal court may 1287
sit in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 1288
within Clermont county. 1289

(M) Beginning July 1, 2010, the judges of the Montgomery 1290
county municipal court shall sit in the same locations as the 1291

judges of the Montgomery county county court sat before the 1292
county court was abolished on that date. The legislative 1293
authority of the Montgomery county municipal court may determine 1294
after that date that the judges of the Montgomery county 1295
municipal court shall sit in any municipal corporation or 1296
unincorporated territory within Montgomery county. 1297

(N) The judge of the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court shall 1298
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Tiffin and 1299
Fostoria on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the 1300
municipal corporation of Tiffin and within Adams, Big Spring, 1301
Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Liberty, Pleasant, Reed, Scioto, 1302
Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county shall be 1303
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 1304
municipal corporation of Tiffin. Cases that arise in the 1305
municipal corporation of Fostoria and within Loudon and Jackson 1306
townships in Seneca county, ~~within Washington township in~~ 1307
~~Hancock county, and within Perry township, except within the~~ 1308
~~municipal corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county,~~ shall 1309
be filed in the office of the special deputy clerk located in 1310
the municipal corporation of Fostoria. Until January 2, 2024, 1311
cases that arise within Washington township in Hancock county, 1312
and within Perry township, except within the municipal 1313
corporation of West Millgrove, in Wood county, shall be filed in 1314
the office of the special deputy clerk located in the municipal 1315
corporation of Fostoria. 1316

(O) The judge of the Fulton county municipal court shall 1317
sit within each of the municipal corporations of Wauseon and 1318
Swanton on a weekly basis. Cases that arise within the municipal 1319
corporation of Wauseon and within Chesterfield, Clinton, Dover, 1320
Franklin, German, and Gorham townships in Fulton county shall be 1321
filed in the office of the clerk of the court located in the 1322

municipal corporation of Wauseon. Cases that arise in the 1323
municipal corporation of Swanton and within Amboy, Fulton, Pike, 1324
Swan Creek, Royalton, and York townships shall be filed in the 1325
office of the special deputy clerk located in the municipal 1326
corporation of Swanton. 1327

Sec. 1901.041. (A) Except as authorized by or provided in 1328
division (B) of section 1901.181 of the Revised Code, all cases 1329
filed after the institution of a housing or environmental 1330
division of a municipal court and over which the division has 1331
jurisdiction shall be assigned by the administrative judge of 1332
the municipal court to the judge of the division. Any cases 1333
pending in the municipal court at the time the division is 1334
instituted and over which the division has jurisdiction shall be 1335
reassigned to the judge of the division, if the administrative 1336
judge determines that reassignment will not delay the trial of 1337
the case and that reassignment is in the best interests of the 1338
parties. 1339

(B) The Hamilton county municipal court may refer a case 1340
~~of the type described in division (B) (3) of section 2301.03 of~~ 1341
~~the Revised Code to the drug court judge of the court of common~~ 1342
~~pleas of Hamilton county pursuant to that division if the case~~ 1343
is of a type that is eligible for admission into the drug court 1344
under the local rule adopted by the court of common pleas under 1345
division (B) (3) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 1346

Sec. 1901.07. (A) All municipal court judges shall be 1347
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 1348
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 1349
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 1350
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 1351
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 1352

commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 1353
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 1354
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 1355

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 1356
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 1357
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 1358
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 1359
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 1360
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 1361
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 1362
municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 1363
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 1364
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 1365
of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 1366

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 1367
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 1368
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 1369
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 1370
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 1371
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 1372
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 1373
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1374
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 1375
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 1376
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 1377
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 1378
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 1379
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 1380
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 1381
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 1382
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 1383

political party for election to the office does not exceed the 1384
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 1385
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 1386
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 1387
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 1388
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 1389
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1390

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 1391
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 1392
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 1393
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 1394
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 1395
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 1396
nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 1397
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 1398
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 1399
to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 1400
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 1401
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 1402
territory of the court. 1403

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 1404
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 1405
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 1406
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 1407
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 1408
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 1409
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 1410
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 1411
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 1412
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 1413
of municipal court judges. 1414

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 1415
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 1416
and elected as follows: 1417

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 1418
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 1419
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 1420
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 1421
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 1422
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 1423
offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 1424
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 1425
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 1426
in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 1427
court of common pleas. 1428

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 1429
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 1430
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 1431
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 1432
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 1433
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 1434
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 1435
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 1436
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 1437
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 1438
common pleas. 1439

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 1440
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 1441
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 1442
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 1443
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 1444

filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 1445
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 1446
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 1447
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 1448
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 1449
of common pleas. 1450

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 1451
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 1452
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 1453
of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 1454
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 1455
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 1456
prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 1457
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 1458
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 1459
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 1460
electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 1461
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 1462
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 1463

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 1464
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 1465
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 1466
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 1467
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 1468
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 1469
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 1470
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 1471
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 1472

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 1473
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Paulding, 1474

Perry, Putnam, ~~Sandusky~~, and Wayne county municipal courts, the 1475
judges shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall 1476
be signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the 1477
court and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 1478

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 1479
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 1480
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 1481

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 1482
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 1483
jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 1484
the first day of January after the election. 1485

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 1486
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 1487
their terms shall be as follows: 1488

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1489
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1490
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 1491
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 1492

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1493
be elected in 1953. 1494

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1495
be elected in 1951. 1496

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 1497
shall be elected in 1953. 1498

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 1499
shall be elected in 1967. 1500

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 1501
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1502

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 1503
shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the 1504
part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected 1505
in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1506
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017. 1507

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 1508
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 1509
elected in 1971. 1510

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1511
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1512
1979. 1513

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 1514
shall be elected in 1993. 1515

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1516
be elected in 1951. 1517

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1518
elected in 2005. 1519

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 1520
shall be elected in 1983. 1521

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 1522
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 1523
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 1524
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 1525
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 1526
until December 31, 2005. 1527

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1528
elected in 1965. 1529

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 1530

shall be elected in 1951. 1531

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1532
be elected in 1963. 1533

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1534
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1535
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 1536

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 1537
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 1538
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 1539
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 1540
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 1541
December 31, 2009. 1542

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1543
be elected in 1957. 1544

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 1545
judge shall be elected in 2001. 1546

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1547
be elected in 1963. 1548

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 1549
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1550
elected in 1977. 1551

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 1552
shall be elected in 1953. 1553

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 1554
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 1555
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 1556
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 1557
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1558

1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1559

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 1560
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 1561
be elected in 1999. 1562

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 1563
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 1564
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 1565
1955. 1566

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 1567
judge shall be elected in 1957. 1568

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 1569
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 1570
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 1571
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 1572
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1573

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 1574
judges shall be elected in 2001. 1575

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1576
be elected in 1953. 1577

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 1578
shall be elected in 1951. 1579

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 1580
judge shall be elected in 1977. 1581

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1582
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 1583
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 1584
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 1585
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 1586

section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 1587
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 1588
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 1589
December 31, 2013, respectively. 1590

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 1591
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 1592
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 1593
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 1594
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 1595
December 31, 2005. 1596

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 1597
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 1598
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 1599
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 1600
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 1601
second day of January next after their election. 1602

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1603
be elected in 1957. 1604

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1605
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1606
2007. 1607

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 1608
shall be elected in 1957. 1609

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1610
elected in 1973. 1611

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1612
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1613
1973. 1614

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007.	1615 1616
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1617 1618
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023.	1619 1620 1621
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.	1622 1623 1624
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	1625 1626
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	1627 1628 1629
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1630 1631
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1997.	1632 1633 1634 1635 1636 1637
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1638 1639
In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023.	1640 1641

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 1642
shall be elected in 1981. 1643

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 1644
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1645
elected in 1981. 1646

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1647
be elected in 1963. 1648

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1649
be elected in 1953. 1650

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 1651
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 1652
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 1653
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 1654
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 1655
the first day of January next after their election, except that 1656
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 1657
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 1658
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 1659
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 1660

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 1661
shall be elected in 1989. 1662

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 1663
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 1664
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 1665
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1666
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 1667

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 1668
shall be elected in 1977. 1669

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 1670
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 1671
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 1672
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1673
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 1674
court until December 31, 2007. 1675

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 1676
elected in 1967. 1677

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1678
be elected in 1951. 1679

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 1680
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 1681
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 1682
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1683
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 1684

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 1685
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 1686
elected in 1975. 1687

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1688
be elected in 1955. 1689

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 1690
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1691
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 1692
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1693
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 1694
court until the end of those judges' terms. 1695

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 1696
judge shall be elected in 1981. 1697

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1698
be elected in 1955.	1699
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge	1700
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1701
elected in 1971.	1702
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1703
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1704
1967.	1705
In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1706
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1707
1973.	1708
In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge	1709
shall be elected in 1957.	1710
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge	1711
shall be elected in 1981.	1712
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge	1713
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1714
elected in 1969.	1715
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1716
be elected in 1957.	1717
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1718
be elected in 1951.	1719
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	1720
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	1721
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	1722
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	1723
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	1724

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	1725 1726
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1727 1728 1729
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1730 1731
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	1732 1733
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1734 1735
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	1736 1737 1738
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1739 1740
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1741 1742
In the Montgomery county municipal court:	1743
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that date whose term	1744 1745 1746 1747 1748 1749 1750 1751 1752

commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 1753
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 1754
2011. 1755

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 1756
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 1757
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1758
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1759
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1760
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1761
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1762

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1763
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1764
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1765
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1766
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1767
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1768

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1769
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1770
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1771
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1772
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1773
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1774
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1775
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1776
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1777
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1778
December 31, 2013. 1779

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1780
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1781
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1782

shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1783
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1784
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1785

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1786
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1787
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1788
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1789
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1790

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1791
shall be elected in 1951. 1792

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1793
be elected in 2005. 1794

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1795
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1796

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1797
shall be elected in 1963. 1798

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1799
elected in 1951. 1800

In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1801
be elected in 1975. 1802

In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1803
be elected in 1953. 1804

In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1805
be elected in 1989. 1806

In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1807
be elected in 1963. 1808

In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge 1809

shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port 1810
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1811
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1812
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1813

In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1814
shall be elected in 1951. 1815

In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1816
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, 1817
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1818

In the Paulding county municipal court to be established 1819
on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1820
2019. 1821

In the Perry county municipal court to be established on 1822
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017. 1823

In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge 1824
shall be elected in 1977. 1825

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1826
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1827
be elected in 1971. 1828

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1829
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1830
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1831
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1832
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1833

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1834
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1835
elected in 1985. 1836

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1837

shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1838
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1839
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1840
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1841
court until December 31, 2011. 1842

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1843
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1844
elected in 1971. 1845

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1846
be elected in 1953. 1847

~~In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1848
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1849
the two part time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1850
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part time judges 1851
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1852
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1853
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1854
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1855
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1856
31, 2013. 1857~~

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1858
shall be elected in 1957. 1859

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1860
be elected in 1957. 1861

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1862
be elected in 1995. 1863

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1864
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1865
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1866

December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1867
January 1, 2000. 1868

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1869
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1870
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1871
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1872
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1873
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1874

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1875
shall be elected in 1953. 1876

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1877
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1878
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1879
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1880
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1881
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1882
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1883
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1884
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1885
court until December 31, 2009. 1886

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1887
shall be elected in 1963. 1888

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1889
be elected in 1963. 1890

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1891
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1892

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1893
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1894
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1895

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's

successor is elected and qualified. 1953

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1954
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1955
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1956
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1957
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1958
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1959
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1960
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1961
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1962
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1963
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1964
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1965
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1966
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1967
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1968
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1969

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1970
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1971
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1972
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1973
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1974
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1975
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1976
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1977
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1978
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1979
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1980
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1981
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1982
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1983

determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1984
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1985
Code. 1986

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1987
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1988
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1989
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1990
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1991
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1992
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1993
at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1994
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1995
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1996
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1997
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1998
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1999
the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 2000
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 2001
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 2002

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 2003
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 2004
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 2005
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 2006
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 2007
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 2008
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 2009
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 2010
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 2011
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 2012
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 2013
territory of the court. 2014

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

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

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

successor is elected and qualified. 2046

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(f) of 2047
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 2048
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 2049
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 2050
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 2051
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 2052
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 2053
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 2054
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 2055
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 2056
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 2057
the territory of the court. 2058

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 2059
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 2060
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 2061
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 2062
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 2063
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 2064
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 2065
Revised Code. 2066

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 2067
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 2068
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 2069
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 2070
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 2071
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 2072
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 2073
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 2074
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 2075

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

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

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

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and

petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 2106
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 2107
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 2108
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 2109
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 2110
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 2111
Revised Code. 2112

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 2113
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 2114
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 2115
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 2116
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 2117
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 2118
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 2119
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 2120
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 2121
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 2122
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 2123
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 2124
Revised Code. 2125

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 2126
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 2127
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 2128
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 2129
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 2130
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 2131
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 2132
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 2133
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 2134
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 2135
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 2136

successor is elected and qualified. 2137

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 2138
effect after December 31, 2008. 2139

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 2140
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 2141
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 2142
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 2143
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 2144
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 2145
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 2146
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 2147
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 2148
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 2149
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 2150
territory of the court. 2151

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 2152
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 2153
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 2154
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 2155
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 2156
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 2157
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 2158
Revised Code. 2159

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 2160
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 2161
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 2162
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 2163
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 2164
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 2165
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 2166

particular political party for election to that office, a 2167
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 2168
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 2169
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 2170
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 2171

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 2172
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 2173
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 2174
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 2175
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 2176
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 2177
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 2178
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 2179
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 2180
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 2181
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 2182
successor is elected and qualified. 2183

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 2184
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 2185
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 2186
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 2187
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 2188
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 2189
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 2190
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 2191
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 2192
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 2193
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 2194
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 2195
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 2196
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 2197

as determined in accordance with the population of the county 2198
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 2199
Revised Code. 2200

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 2201
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, ~~Sandusky-~~ 2202
~~county,~~ Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal 2203
courts, in a municipal court for which the population of the 2204
territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk shall be 2205
appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office until 2206
the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 2207

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and 2208
Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a 2209
term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this 2210
section. 2211

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 2212
Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal 2213
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 2214
Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky-~~ 2215
~~county~~ shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize 2216
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam 2217
county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal courts and may appoint a 2218
chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established 2219
pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant 2220
clerks as the judge of the court determines are necessary, all 2221
of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative 2222
authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize county, 2223
Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~-~~ 2224
~~and Sandusky county~~, acting as the clerks of the Auglaize 2225
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam 2226
county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal courts and assuming the 2227

duties of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from 2228
the county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth 2229
the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common 2230
pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the 2231
county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of 2232
the Revised Code. 2233

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 2234
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 2235
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 2236
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 2237

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 2238
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 2239
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 2240
Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs 2241
in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 2242
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 2243
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 2244
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 2245
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 2246
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 2247
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 2248
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 2249
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 2250
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 2251
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 2252
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 2253
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 2254
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 2255
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 2256
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 2257
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 2258

and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 2259
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 2260
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 2261
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 2262
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 2263
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 2264
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 2265
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 2266
after the vacancy occurred. 2267

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 2268
county, the Brown county, the Holmes county, the Perry county, 2269
the Putnam county, ~~the Sandusky county,~~ and the Lorain municipal 2270
courts, for which the population of the territory is less than 2271
one hundred thousand, the clerk of the municipal court shall 2272
receive the annual compensation that the presiding judge of the 2273
court prescribes, if the revenue of the court for the preceding 2274
calendar year, as certified by the auditor or chief fiscal 2275
officer of the municipal corporation in which the court is 2276
located or, in the case of a county-operated municipal court, 2277
the county auditor, is equal to or greater than the 2278
expenditures, including any debt charges, for the operation of 2279
the court payable under this chapter from the city treasury or, 2280
in the case of a county-operated municipal court, the county 2281
treasury for that calendar year, as also certified by the 2282
auditor or chief fiscal officer. If the revenue of a municipal 2283
court, other than the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the 2284
Columbiana county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, ~~the~~ 2285
~~Sandusky county,~~ and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 2286
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand 2287
for the preceding calendar year as so certified is not equal to 2288
or greater than those expenditures for the operation of the 2289

court for that calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a 2290
municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the 2291
legislative authority prescribes. As used in this division, 2292
"revenue" means the total of all costs and fees that are 2293
collected and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated 2294
municipal court, the county treasury by the clerk of the 2295
municipal court under division (F) of this section and all 2296
interest received and paid to the city treasury or, in a county- 2297
operated municipal court, the county treasury in relation to the 2298
costs and fees under division (G) of this section. 2299

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana 2300
county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, 2301
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 2302
population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 2303
in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 2304
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 2305
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 2306

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 2307
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 2308
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 2309
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 2310
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 2311
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 2312
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 2313
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 2314

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 2315
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 2316
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 2317
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 2318
duties. 2319

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 2320
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 2321
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 2322
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 2323
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 2324
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 2325
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 2326
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 2327
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 2328
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 2329
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 2330
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 2331
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 2332
or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 2333
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 2334
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 2335
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 2336
all times. 2337

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 2338
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 2339
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 2340
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 2341
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 2342
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 2343
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 2344
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 2345
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 2346
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 2347
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 2348
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 2349
entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 2350

request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 2351
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 2352
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 2353
court. 2354

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 2355
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 2356
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 2357
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 2358
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 2359
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 2360
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 2361
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 2362
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 2363
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 2364
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 2365
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 2366
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 2367
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 2368
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 2369
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 2370
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 2371
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 2372
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 2373
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 2374
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 2375
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 2376
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 2377
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 2378
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 2379
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 2380
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 2381

specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 2382
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 2383
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 2384
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 2385
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 2386
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 2387
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 2388
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 2389
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 2390
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 2391
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 2392
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 2393
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 2394
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 2395
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 2396
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 2397

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 2398
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 2399
deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 2400
1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any 2401
interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city 2402
treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the 2403
interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which 2404
the court is located. 2405

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 2406
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 2407
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 2408
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 2409
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 2410
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 2411
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 2412

of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed that are for 2413
restitution payments for crime victims shall be sent to the 2414
reparations fund created under section 2743.191 of the Revised 2415
Code, with a list from the clerk or other officer responsible 2416
for the collection and distribution of restitution payments 2417
specifying the amounts and individual identifying information of 2418
the funds. All other moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 2419
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 2420
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 2421
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 2422
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 2423
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 2424
upon proper certification of the clerk. 2425

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 2426
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 2427
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 2428
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 2429
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 2430
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 2431
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 2432
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 2433
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 2434
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 2435
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 2436
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 2437
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 2438
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 2439
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 2440
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 2441
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 2442
of the deputy clerk's duties. 2443

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 2444
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 2445
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 2446
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 2447
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 2448
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 2449
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 2450
population of at least one hundred thousand. 2451

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 2452
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 2453
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 2454
and receive verdicts. 2455

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 2456
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 2457

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 2458
shall be elected in 1982. 2459

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 2460
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 2461
elected in 1982. 2462

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 2463
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 2464
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2465
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 2466

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 2467
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 2468
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2469
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 2470

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 2471
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 2472

1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist.	2473
In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2474 2475
In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2476 2477
In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively.	2478 2479 2480 2481
In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1995, respectively.	2482 2483 2484 2485 2486
In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2487 2488
In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2489 2490
In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2491 2492
In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2493 2494 2495
In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2496 2497
In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982.	2498 2499

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

In the Sandusky county county court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2024, term to commence on January 2, 2025. Effective January 2, 2025, notwithstanding division (A) (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code and division (A) of section 1907.16 of the Revised Code, the full-time judge of the Sandusky county county court under this section shall receive the compensation set forth in division (A) (5) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled

in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 2529
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 2530

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 2531
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 2532
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 2533
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 2534
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2535
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2536
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 2537
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2538
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 2539
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2540
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 2541
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 2542
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2543
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 2544
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 2545
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 2546
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 2547
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2548
subdivisions and departments. 2549

(B) In Hamilton county: 2550

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 2551
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 2552
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 2553
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2554
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2555
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 2556

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2557
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 2558

and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 2559
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 2560
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2561
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 2562
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 2563
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 2564
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 2565
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 2566
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 2567
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 2568
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 2569
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2570
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 2571
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 2572
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 2573
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 2574
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 2575
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 2576
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2577
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 2578
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 2579
year. 2580

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 2581
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 2582
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2583
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2584
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2585
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2586
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2587
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2588
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 2589

The administrative judge of the division of domestic relations also 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 its personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division.

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

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

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

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

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

~~sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case.~~ 2651
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~~A judge of the general division of the court of common
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that
both of the following apply:~~ 2654
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~~(a) One of the following applies:~~ 2659

~~(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.~~ 2660
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~~(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor,
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from
treatment.~~ 2665
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~~(b) All of the following apply:~~ 2673

~~(i) The case involves an offense for which a community
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required
to be imposed.~~ 2674
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~~(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.~~ 2678

- ~~(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.~~ 2679
- ~~(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.~~ 2680
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- ~~(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.~~ 2682
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- ~~(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.~~ 2684
- ~~(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral~~ 2685
Eligibility for admission of 2686
a case into the drug court shall be set forth in a local rule 2687
adopted by the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 2688
local rule specifying eligibility shall not permit referral to 2689
the drug court of a case that involves a felony of the first or 2690
second degree, a violation of any prohibition contained in 2691
Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code that is a felony of the third 2692
degree, or a violation of section 2903.01 or 2903.02 of the 2693
Revised Code. 2694
- (4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 2695
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 2696
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 2697
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 2698
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 2699
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 2700
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 2701
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 2702
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 2703
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 2704
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 2705
- ~~(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail~~ 2706
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~~term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the~~ 2708
~~Revised Code.~~ 2709

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 2710

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2711
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 2712
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 2713
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 2714
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2715
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2716
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 2717
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 2718
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 2719
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 2720
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 2721
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2722
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 2723
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 2724
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2725
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 2726
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2727
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 2728
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 2729
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 2730
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2731
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2732
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2733
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 2734
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2735
other judge of the court of common pleas. 2736

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 2737

judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2738
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 2739
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 2740
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 2741
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 2742
Code. 2743

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2744
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 2745
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 2746
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 2747
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2748
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 2749
probate judge. 2750

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2751
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2752
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 2753
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 2754
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 2755
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2756
relations. 2757

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2758
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2759
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 2760
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2761
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2762
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2763
relations. 2764

(D) In Lucas county: 2765

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2766

begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 2767
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2768
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2769
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 2770
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2771
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2772
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 2773
assigned to them. 2774

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2775
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 2776
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 2777
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 2778
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 2779
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2780

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2781
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 2782
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2783
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2784
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 2785
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2786
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2787
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2788
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 2789
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2790
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 2791
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 2792
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 2793
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2794
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2795
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 2796
in the discharge of their various duties. 2797

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 2798
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 2799
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 2800
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 2801
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 2802
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 2803
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2804
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 2805
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 2806
parties to an action pending in the division. 2807

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2808
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2809
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2810
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 2811
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 2812
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 2813

(E) In Mahoning county: 2814

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2815
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2816
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2817
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2818
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2819
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2820
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 2821
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 2822
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2823
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 2824
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 2825
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2826
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2827

the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2828
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2829
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 2830
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 2831

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2832
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2833
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2834
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2835
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2836
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2837
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 2838
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2839
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2840
action pending in the division. 2841

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2842
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 2843
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2844
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2845
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2846
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2847
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2848
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 2849
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 2850
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2851
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2852
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2853
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2854
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2855
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2856
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 2857

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2858
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2859
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2860
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2861
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2862
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 2863
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2864
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2865
action pending in the division. 2866

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2867
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2868
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 2869
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 2870
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 2871
of common pleas. 2872

(F) In Montgomery county: 2873

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2874
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 2875
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2876
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2877
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 2878
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2879
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 2880
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2881
and annulment cases. 2882

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2883
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2884
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 2885
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 2886
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2887

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2888
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 2889
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 2890
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 2891
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 2892
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2893
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2894
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2895
fix their duties. 2896

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2897
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 2898
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2899
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2900
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 2901
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2902
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 2903
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2904
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2905

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2906
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 2907
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2908
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2909
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2910
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 2911
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 2912
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2913
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2914
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2915
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2916
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2917
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2918

conciliation services that are available upon request to 2919
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2920
the division. 2921

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2922
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2923
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2924
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 2925
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 2926
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 2927
of those divisions. 2928

(G) In Richland county: 2929

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2930
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 2931
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2932
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2933
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 2934
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2935
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 2936
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2937
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 2938
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 2939
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2940
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 2941
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 2942
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 2943
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 2944
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 2945
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 2946
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 2947
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 2948

of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 2949
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 2950
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 2951
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 2952
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 2953
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2954
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2955
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 2956
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2957
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2958
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 2959
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 2960
of those matters. 2961

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2962
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 2963
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2964
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 2965
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2966
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 2967
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 2968
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 2969
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 2970
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 2971
shall fix their duties. 2972

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2973
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2974
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2975
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2976
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 2977
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2978
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2979

judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2980
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2981
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2982
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2983
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 2984
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2985
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2986
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 2987
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 2988
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 2989
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2990
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2991
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2992

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2993
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2994
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 2995
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2996
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 2997
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2998
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 2999
discharge of the judge's various duties. 3000

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 3001
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 3002
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 3003
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 3004
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 3005
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 3006
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 3007
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3008
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 3009

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 3010
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 3011
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 3012
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3013
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 3014
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 3015
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 3016
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 3017
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 3018
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 3019
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3020
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 3021
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 3022
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 3023

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 3024
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 3025
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 3026
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 3027
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 3028
referees required for the judge's respective court. 3029

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 3030
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 3031
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 3032
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 3033
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 3034
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 3035
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 3036
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 3037
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 3038
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 3039
juvenile judge to serve. 3040

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 3041
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 3042
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 3043
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 3044
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 3045
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 3046
"the judge of the family court division." 3047

(I) In Summit county: 3048

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 3049
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 3050
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3051
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3052
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 3053
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 3054
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 3055
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 3056
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3057
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 3058
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3059
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 3060
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 3061
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 3062
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3063
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 3064
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 3065
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 3066
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 3067
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 3068

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 3069
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 3070

relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 3071
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 3072
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 3073
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 3074
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3075
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 3076
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 3077
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3078
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 3079
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 3080
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3081
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 3082
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 3083
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 3084
action pending in the division. 3085

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3086
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 3087
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3088
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 3089
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 3090
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 3091
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 3092
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 3093
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 3094
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 3095
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 3096
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 3097
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 3098
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 3099
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 3100
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 3101

not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 3102
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 3103
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 3104

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 3105
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 3106
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 3107
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 3108
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 3109
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 3110
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 3111
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 3112
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 3113
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 3114
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 3115
conciliation services that are available upon request to 3116
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 3117
the division. 3118

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 3119
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 3120
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3121
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3122
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 3123
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 3124
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 3125
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3126
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3127
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 3128
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3129
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 3130
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3131
court of common pleas. 3132

(K) In Butler county: 3133

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 3134
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 3135
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3136
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3137
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 3138
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 3139
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 3140
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 3141
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3142
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 3143
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 3144
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 3145
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 3146
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 3147
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 3148
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 3149
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 3150
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 3151
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 3152
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3153
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3154
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3155
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3156
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3157
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 3158
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 3159
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 3160
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 3161
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 3162
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3163

supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 3164
division. 3165

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 3166
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 3167
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3168
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 3169
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 3170
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3171
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 3172
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3173
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3174
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3175

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 3176
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 3177
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3178
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3179
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 3180
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3181
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 3182
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 3183
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 3184
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3185
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 3186
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 3187
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 3188
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 3189
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 3190
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 3191
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 3192
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 3193
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 3194

judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 3195
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 3196
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 3197
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 3198
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 3199
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 3200
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 3201
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 3202
various duties. 3203

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 3204
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 3205
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 3206
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 3207
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3208
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 3209
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3210
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3211
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3212

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3213
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 3214
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 3215
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 3216
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 3217
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 3218

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 3219
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 3220
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 3221
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3222
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3223
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 3224

and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 3225
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 3226
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3227
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 3228
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 3229
some special reason. 3230

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 3231
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 3232
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 3233

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 3234
supervision; 3235

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 3236
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 3237

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 3238
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 3239
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3240
legal separation and annulment matters. 3241

(M) In Lake county: 3242

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3243
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 3244
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3245
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3246
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 3247
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3248
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 3249
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3250
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 3251
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 3252
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3253

division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3254
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 3255
division. 3256

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3257
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3258
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3259
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3260
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3261
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3262
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3263
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3264
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3265
division, who request the services. 3266

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3267
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 3268
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3269
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 3270
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 3271
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 3272
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 3273
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 3274
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3275
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3276
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3277
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3278
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3279
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3280
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3281
the judge's various duties. 3282

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3283

expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3284
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3285
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3286
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3287
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3288
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 3289
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 3290
request the services. 3291

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3292
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 3293
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 3294
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 3295
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 3296
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 3297

(N) In Erie county: 3298

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3299
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 3300
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 3301
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3302
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3303
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 3304
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 3305
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 3306
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 3307
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 3308
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 3309
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3310
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 3311
other judge. 3312

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 3313

common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 3314
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 3315
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 3316
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 3317
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 3318
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 3319

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3320
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3321
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 3322
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 3323
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 3324
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 3325
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 3326
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 3327
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3328
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 3329
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3330
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3331

(0) In Greene county: 3332

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3333
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 3334
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3335
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3336
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 3337
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3338
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 3339
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 3340
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 3341
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 3342
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3343

court of common pleas. 3344

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3345
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3346
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 3347
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 3348
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3349
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 3350
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3351
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3352
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3353
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 3354
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 3355
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 3356
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 3357
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 3358
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 3359
general division of the court of common pleas. 3360

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3361
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 3362
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3363
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3364
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 3365
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3366
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 3367
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3368
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 3369
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3370
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3371
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3372
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3373
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3374

servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3375
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3376
the judge's various duties. 3377

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3378
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3379
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3380
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3381
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3382
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3383
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 3384
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 3385
request the services. 3386

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 3387
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 3388
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 3389
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 3390
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 3391
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 3392
division. 3393

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 3394
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3395
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3396
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3397
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 3398
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3399
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3400
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3401
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3402
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3403
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3404

assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3405
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3406
domestic relations division. 3407

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3408
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3409
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3410
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3411
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3412
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3413
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3414
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3415
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3416
division, who request the services. 3417

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 3418
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3419
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3420
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3421
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 3422
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3423
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3424
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3425
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3426
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3427
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3428
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3429
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3430
domestic relations division. 3431

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3432
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3433
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3434

duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3435
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3436
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3437
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3438
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3439
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3440
division, who request the services. 3441

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 3442
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 3443
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3444
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3445
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 3446
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3447
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3448
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3449
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3450
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3451
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3452
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3453
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3454
domestic relations division. 3455

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3456
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3457
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3458
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3459
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3460
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3461
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3462
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3463
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3464
division, who request the services. 3465

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 3466
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 3467
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 3468
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 3469
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 3470
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 3471
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 3472
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3473
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 3474
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 3475
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3476
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3477
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3478
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 3479
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 3480
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 3481
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 3482
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 3483
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3484
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 3485

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 3486
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3487
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3488
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3489
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3490
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3491
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3492
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3493
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3494
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3495
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3496

designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3497
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3498
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3499
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3500
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3501

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 3502
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 3503
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3504
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3505
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 3506
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3507
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3508
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3509
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3510
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3511
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3512
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3513
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3514
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3515
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3516
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3517
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3518
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3519
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3520

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3521
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3522
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3523
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3524
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3525
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3526
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3527

cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3528
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3529
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3530
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3531
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3532
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3533
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3534
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3535

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 3536
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 3537
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3538
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3539
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 3540
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3541
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3542
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3543
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3544
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3545
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3546
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3547
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3548
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3549
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3550
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3551
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3552
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3553
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3554

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3555
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3556
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3557
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3558

addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3559
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3560
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3561
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3562
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3563
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3564
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3565
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3566
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3567
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3568
pending in the division, who request the services. 3569

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 3570
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3571
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3572
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3573
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 3574
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 3575
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3576
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3577
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3578
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3579
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3580
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3581
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3582
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3583
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3584
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3585
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 3586
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3587
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 3588
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3589

Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 3590
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 3591
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3592
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 3593
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 3594
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3595
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3596
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3597
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3598
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3599
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3600
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3601
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 3602
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 3603

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 3604
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 3605
division and with the employment and supervision of the 3606
personnel of the division. 3607

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3608
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3609
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3610
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3611
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3612
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3613
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3614
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3615
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3616
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3617
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3618
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3619
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3620

available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 3621
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 3622
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 3623
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 3624
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 3625
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 3626
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 3627
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 3628
support for that child when the request for that order is not 3629
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3630
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 3631
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 3632
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 3633
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3634
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3635
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3636
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 3637
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 3638
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 3639

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 3640
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 3641
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3642
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3643
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 3644
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3645
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 3646
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 3647
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 3648
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3649
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 3650
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 3651

marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 3652
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 3653
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 3654
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 3655
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 3656
and the judges of the general division. 3657

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 3658
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 3659
children services board and the county advisory board. 3660

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 3661
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 3662
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 3663
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 3664
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 3665
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 3666
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 3667
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 3668
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 3669
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 3670
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 3671
domestic relations of that court. 3672

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 3673
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3674
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3675
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3676
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 3677
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3678
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3679
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3680
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3681

Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3682
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3683
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3684
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 3685
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 3686
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 3687
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 3688
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 3689
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 3690
the personnel of the division. 3691

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3692
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3693
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3694
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3695
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3696
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3697
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3698
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3699
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3700
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3701
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3702
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3703
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3704
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3705
pending in the division, who request the services. 3706

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 3707
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 3708
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 3709
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 3710
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3711
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 3712

administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 3713
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 3714
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3715
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 3716
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 3717
duties. 3718

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 3719
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 3720
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3721
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3722
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 3723
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 3724
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 3725
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 3726
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 3727
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 3728
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3729
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3730
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3731
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3732
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3733
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3734
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3735
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3736
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 3737
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 3738
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 3739
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 3740
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 3741
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3742
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 3743

addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 3744
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3745
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3746
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3747
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3748
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3749
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 3750
(Z) (1) of this section. 3751

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3752
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 3753
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 3754
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 3755
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 3756
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 3757
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 3758
pleas of Marion county. 3759

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 3760
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3761
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 3762
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 3763
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3764
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 3765
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 3766
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 3767
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 3768
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 3769
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z) (2) of this 3770
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 3771
common pleas of Marion county. 3772

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 3773

pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3774
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3775
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3776
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 3777
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 3778
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3779
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3780
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3781
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3782
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3783
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3784
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3785
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3786
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3787
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3788
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3789
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3790
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3791

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3792
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3793
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3794
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3795
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3796
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3797
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3798
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3799
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3800
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3801
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3802
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3803
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3804

available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3805
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3806

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 3807
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3808
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3809
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3810
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 3811
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3812
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 3813
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3814
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3815
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 3816
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 3817
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3818
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3819
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3820
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3821
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3822
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3823
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3824
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3825
the court of common pleas. 3826

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 3827
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 3828
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3829
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3830
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 3831
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 3832
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 3833
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 3834
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3835

courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of that court otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section.

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

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to

"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 3867
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 3868
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 3869
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 3870
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 3871
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 3872
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 3873
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 3874
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 3875
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 3876
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3877

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 3878
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 3879
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 3880
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 3881
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3882
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3883
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 3884
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 3885
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 3886
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 3887
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3888
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3889
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3890
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3891
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3892
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3893
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3894
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3895
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3896
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 3897

judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 3898
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3899
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 3900
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 3901
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 3902
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 3903
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 3904
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 3905
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 3906
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 3907
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3908
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 3909
section. 3910

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 3911
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3912
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 3913
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3914
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 3915
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3916
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 3917
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 3918
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3919
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 3920
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 3921
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 3922
probate division. 3923

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 3924
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 3925
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3926
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3927
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 3928

be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3929
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 3930
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 3931
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 3932
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 3933
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3934
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 3935
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 3936
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 3937
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 3938
of common pleas. 3939

(FF) In Hardin county: 3940

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3941
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 3942
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3943
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3944
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 3945
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3946
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 3947
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 3948
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 3949
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3950
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3951
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 3952
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 3953
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3954
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3955
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3956
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3957
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3958
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3959

that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3960
the court of common pleas. 3961

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3962
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 3963
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 3964
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 3965
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 3966
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3967
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3968

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3969
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 3970
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 3971
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 3972
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 3973
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 3974
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 3975
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 3976
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 3977

Sec. 3794.09. Enforcement; Penalties. 3978

(A) Upon the receipt of a first report that a proprietor 3979
of a public place or place of employment or an individual has 3980
violated any provision of this chapter, the department of health 3981
or its designee shall investigate the report and, if it 3982
concludes that there was a violation, issue a warning letter to 3983
the proprietor or individual. 3984

(B) Upon a report of a second or subsequent violation of 3985
any provision of this chapter by a proprietor of a public place 3986
or place of employment or an individual, the department of 3987
health or its designee shall investigate the report. If the 3988

director of health or director's designee concludes, based on 3989
all of the information before ~~him or her~~ the director or the 3990
director's designee, that there was a violation, ~~he or she~~ the 3991
director or the director's designee shall impose a civil fine 3992
upon the proprietor or individual in accordance with the 3993
schedule of fines required to be promulgated under section 3994
3794.07 of ~~this chapter~~ the Revised Code. 3995

(C) Any proprietor or individual against whom a finding of 3996
a violation is made under this chapter may appeal the finding ~~to~~ 3997
~~the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Such appeal shall be~~ 3998
~~governed by the provisions of~~ in accordance with section 119.12 3999
of the Revised Code. 4000

(D) The director of health may institute an action in the 4001
court of common pleas seeking an order in equity against a 4002
proprietor or individual that has repeatedly violated the 4003
provisions of this chapter or fails to comply with its 4004
provisions. 4005

Sec. 3901.321. (A) For the purposes of this section: 4006

(1) "Acquiring party" means any person by whom or on whose 4007
behalf a merger or other acquisition of control is to be 4008
effected. 4009

(2) "Domestic insurer" includes any person controlling a 4010
domestic insurer unless the person, as determined by the 4011
superintendent of insurance, is either directly or through its 4012
affiliates primarily engaged in business other than the business 4013
of insurance. 4014

(3) "Person" does not include any securities broker 4015
holding, in the usual and customary broker's function, less than 4016
twenty per cent of the voting securities of an insurance company 4017

or of any person that controls an insurance company. 4018

(B) (1) Subject to compliance with division (B) (2) of this 4019
section, no person other than the issuer shall do any of the 4020
following if, as a result, the person would, directly or 4021
indirectly, including by means of conversion or the exercise of 4022
any right to acquire, be in control of a domestic insurer: 4023

(a) Make a tender offer for any voting security of a 4024
domestic insurer; 4025

(b) Make a request or invitation for tenders of any voting 4026
security of a domestic insurer; 4027

(c) Enter into any agreement to exchange securities of a 4028
domestic insurer; 4029

(d) Seek to acquire or acquire, in the open market or 4030
otherwise, any voting security of a domestic insurer; 4031

(e) Enter into an agreement to merge with, or otherwise to 4032
acquire control of, a domestic insurer. 4033

(2) (a) No person shall engage in any transaction described 4034
in division (B) (1) of this section, unless all of the following 4035
conditions are met: 4036

(i) The person has filed with the superintendent of 4037
insurance a statement containing the information required by 4038
division (C) of this section; 4039

(ii) The person has sent the statement to the domestic 4040
insurer; 4041

(iii) The offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4042
acquisition has been approved by the superintendent in the 4043
manner provided in division (F) of this section. 4044

(b) The requirements of division (B)(2)(a) of this section 4045
shall be met at the time any offer, request, or invitation is 4046
made, or any agreement is entered into, or prior to the 4047
acquisition of the securities if no offer or agreement is 4048
involved. 4049

(3) Any controlling person of a domestic insurer seeking 4050
to divest its controlling interest in the domestic insurer shall 4051
file a confidential notice of its proposed divestiture with the 4052
superintendent at least thirty days prior to the cessation of 4053
control, and provide a copy of the confidential notice to the 4054
insurer. The superintendent may require the person seeking to 4055
divest the controlling interest to file for and obtain approval 4056
of the transaction. The information shall remain confidential 4057
until the conclusion of the transaction unless the 4058
superintendent, in the superintendent's discretion, determines 4059
that the confidential treatment will interfere with enforcement 4060
of this section. If the statement required by division (B)(2) of 4061
this section is otherwise filed with the superintendent in 4062
relation to all parties that acquire a controlling interest as a 4063
result of the divestiture, this division shall not apply. 4064

(C) The statement required by division (B)(2) of this 4065
section shall be made under oath or affirmation, and shall 4066
contain all of the following information: 4067

(1) The name and address of each acquiring party; 4068

(2) If the acquiring party is an individual, the 4069
individual's principal occupation and all offices and positions 4070
held during the past five years, and any conviction of crimes 4071
other than minor traffic violations during the past ten years; 4072

(3) If the acquiring party is not an individual, a report 4073

of the nature of its business operations during the past five 4074
years or for such lesser period as the acquiring party and any 4075
of its predecessors shall have been in existence; an informative 4076
description of the business intended to be done by the acquiring 4077
party and the acquiring party's subsidiaries; and a list of all 4078
individuals who are or who have been selected to become 4079
directors or executive officers of the acquiring party, who 4080
perform or will perform functions appropriate to such positions. 4081
The list shall include for each individual the information 4082
required by division (C) (2) of this section. 4083

(4) The source, nature, and amount of the consideration 4084
used or to be used in effecting the merger or other acquisition 4085
of control, a description of any transaction in which funds were 4086
or are to be obtained for any such purpose, including any pledge 4087
of the domestic insurer's stock, or the stock of any of its 4088
subsidiaries or controlling affiliates, and the identity of 4089
persons furnishing such consideration; 4090

(5) Fully audited financial information as to the earnings 4091
and financial condition of each acquiring party for its 4092
preceding five fiscal years, or for such lesser period as the 4093
acquiring party and any of its predecessors shall have been in 4094
existence, and similar unaudited information as of a date not 4095
earlier than ninety days prior to the filing of the statement; 4096

(6) Any plans or proposals which each acquiring party may 4097
have to liquidate such domestic insurer, to sell its assets or 4098
merge or consolidate it with any person, or to make any other 4099
material change in its business or corporate structure or 4100
management; 4101

(7) The number of shares of any security of such issuer or 4102
such controlling person that each acquiring party proposes to 4103

acquire, and the terms of the offer, request, invitation, 4104
agreement, or acquisition, and a statement as to the method by 4105
which the fairness of the proposal was determined; 4106

(8) The amount of each class of any security of such 4107
issuer or such controlling person which is beneficially owned or 4108
concerning which there is a right to acquire beneficial 4109
ownership by each acquiring party; 4110

(9) A full description of any contracts, arrangements, or 4111
understandings with respect to any security of such issuer or 4112
such controlling person in which any acquiring party is 4113
involved, including but not limited to transfer of any of the 4114
securities, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or 4115
calls, guarantees of loans, guarantees against loss or 4116
guarantees of profits, division of losses or profits, or the 4117
giving or withholding of proxies. The description shall identify 4118
the persons with whom such contracts, arrangements, or 4119
understandings have been made. 4120

(10) A description of the purchase of any security of such 4121
issuer or such controlling person during the year preceding the 4122
filing of the statement, by any acquiring party, including the 4123
dates of purchase, names of the purchasers, and consideration 4124
paid or agreed to be paid therefor; 4125

(11) A description of any recommendations to purchase any 4126
security of such issuer or such controlling person made during 4127
the year preceding the filing of the statement, by any acquiring 4128
party, or by anyone based upon interviews or at the suggestion 4129
of the acquiring party; 4130

(12) Copies of all tender offers for, requests, or 4131
invitations for tenders of, exchange offers for, and agreements 4132

to acquire or exchange any securities of such issuer or such 4133
controlling person, and, if distributed, of additional 4134
solicitation material relating thereto; 4135

(13) The terms of any agreement, contract, or 4136
understanding made with or proposed to be made with any broker 4137
or dealer as to solicitation of securities of such issuer or 4138
such controlling person for tender, and the amount of any fees, 4139
commissions, or other compensation to be paid to brokers or 4140
dealers with regard thereto; 4141

(14) With respect to proposed affiliations between 4142
depository institutions or any affiliate thereof, within the 4143
meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley 4144
Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), and a domestic 4145
insurer, the proposed effective date of the acquisition or 4146
change of control; 4147

(15) An agreement by the person required to file the 4148
statement required by division (B) of this section that the 4149
person will provide the annual registration required by division 4150
(K) of section 3901.33 of the Revised Code for so long as the 4151
person has control of the domestic insurer; 4152

(16) An acknowledgment by the person required to file the 4153
statement required by division (B) of this section that the 4154
person and all subsidiaries within the person's control in the 4155
insurance holding company system will provide information to the 4156
superintendent upon request as necessary to evaluate enterprise 4157
risk to the insurer; 4158

(17) Such additional information as the superintendent may 4159
by rule prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the protection 4160
of policyholders of the domestic insurer or in the public 4161

interest. 4162

(D) (1) If the person required to file the statement 4163
required by division (B) (2) of this section is a partnership, 4164
limited partnership, syndicate, or other group, the 4165
superintendent may require that the information required by 4166
division (C) of this section be furnished with respect to each 4167
partner of such partnership or limited partnership, each member 4168
of such syndicate or group, and each person that controls such 4169
partner or member. If any such partner, member, or person is a 4170
corporation, or the person required to file the statement is a 4171
corporation, the superintendent may require that the information 4172
required by division (C) of this section be furnished with 4173
respect to the corporation, each officer and director of the 4174
corporation, and each person that is directly or indirectly the 4175
beneficial owner of more than ten per cent of the outstanding 4176
voting securities of the corporation. 4177

(2) If any material change occurs in the facts set forth 4178
in the statement required by division (B) (2) of this section, an 4179
amendment setting forth such change, together with copies of all 4180
documents and other material relevant to the change, shall be 4181
filed with the superintendent by the person subject to division 4182
(B) (2) of this section and sent to the domestic insurer within 4183
two business days after such person learns of the occurrence of 4184
the material change. 4185

(E) If any offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4186
acquisition described in division (B) (1) of this section is 4187
proposed to be made by means of a registration statement under 4188
the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. 78a, or 4189
in circumstances requiring the disclosure of similar information 4190
under the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," 48 Stat. 881, 15 4191

U.S.C.A. 78a, or under a state law requiring similar 4192
registration or disclosure, the person required to file the 4193
statement required by division (B) (2) of this section may use 4194
such documents in furnishing the information required by that 4195
statement. 4196

(F) (1) The superintendent shall approve any merger or 4197
other acquisition of control described in division (B) (1) of 4198
this section unless, after a public hearing, the superintendent 4199
finds that any of the following apply: 4200

(a) After the change of control, the domestic insurer 4201
would not be able to satisfy the requirements for the issuance 4202
of a license to write the line or lines of insurance for which 4203
it is presently licensed; 4204

(b) The effect of the merger or other acquisition of 4205
control would be substantially to lessen competition in 4206
insurance in this state or tend to create a monopoly; 4207

(c) The financial condition of any acquiring party is such 4208
as might jeopardize the financial stability of the domestic 4209
insurer, or prejudice the interests of its policyholders; 4210

(d) The plans or proposals that the acquiring party has to 4211
liquidate the domestic insurer, sell its assets, or consolidate 4212
or merge it with any person, or to make any other material 4213
change in its business or corporate structure or management, are 4214
unfair and unreasonable to policyholders of the domestic insurer 4215
and not in the public interest; 4216

(e) The competence, experience, and integrity of those 4217
persons that would control the operation of the domestic insurer 4218
are such that it would not be in the interest of policyholders 4219
of the domestic insurer and of the public to permit the merger 4220

or other acquisition of control; 4221

(f) The acquisition is likely to be hazardous or 4222
prejudicial to the insurance-buying public. 4223

(2) (a) Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except for 4224
section 119.09 of the Revised Code, applies to any hearing held 4225
under division (F) (1) of this section, including the notice of 4226
the hearing, the conduct of the hearing, the orders issued 4227
pursuant to it, the review of the orders, and all other matters 4228
relating to the holding of the hearing, but only to the extent 4229
that Chapter 119. of the Revised Code is not inconsistent or in 4230
conflict with this section. 4231

(b) The notice of a hearing required under this division 4232
shall be transmitted by personal service, certified mail, e- 4233
mail, or any other method designed to ensure and confirm receipt 4234
of the notice, to the persons and addresses designated to 4235
receive notices and correspondence in the information statement 4236
filed under division (B) (2) of this section. Confirmation of 4237
receipt of the notice, including electronic "Read Receipt" 4238
confirmation, shall constitute evidence of compliance with the 4239
requirement of this section. The notice of hearing shall include 4240
the reasons for the proposed action and a statement informing 4241
the acquiring party that the party is entitled to a hearing. The 4242
notice also shall inform the acquiring party that at the hearing 4243
the acquiring party may appear in person, by attorney, or by 4244
such other representative as is permitted to practice before the 4245
superintendent, or that the acquiring party may present its 4246
position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the 4247
hearing the acquiring party may present evidence and examine 4248
witnesses appearing for and against the acquiring party. A copy 4249
of the notice also shall be transmitted to attorneys or other 4250

representatives of record representing the acquiring party. 4251

(c) The hearing shall be held at the offices of the 4252
superintendent within ten calendar days, but not earlier than 4253
seven calendar days, of the date of transmission of the notice 4254
of hearing by any means, unless it is postponed or continued; 4255
but in no event shall the hearing be held unless notice is 4256
received at least three days prior to the hearing. The 4257
superintendent may postpone or continue the hearing upon receipt 4258
of a written request by an acquiring party, or upon the 4259
superintendent's motion, provided, however, a hearing in 4260
connection with a proposed change of control involving a 4261
depository institution or any affiliate thereof, within the 4262
meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley 4263
Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), and a domestic 4264
insurer, may be postponed or continued only upon the request of 4265
an acquiring party, or upon the superintendent's motion when the 4266
acquiring party agrees in writing to extend the sixty-day period 4267
provided for in section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act," 4268
by a number of days equal to the number of days of such 4269
postponement or continuance. 4270

(d) For the purpose of conducting any hearing held under 4271
this section, the superintendent may require the attendance of 4272
such witnesses and the production of such books, records, and 4273
papers as the superintendent desires, and may take the 4274
depositions of witnesses residing within or without the state in 4275
the same manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of 4276
depositions in civil actions in the court of common pleas, and 4277
for that purpose the superintendent may, and upon the request of 4278
an acquiring party shall, issue a subpoena for any witnesses or 4279
a subpoena duces tecum to compel the production of any books, 4280
records, or papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where 4281

such witness resides or is found, which shall be served and 4282
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 4283
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 4284
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 4285
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 4286
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. Fees and mileage shall be 4287
paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 4288
superintendent in the same manner as other expenses of the 4289
superintendent are paid. In any case of disobedience or neglect 4290
of any subpoena served on any person or the refusal of any 4291
witness to testify in any matter regarding which the witness may 4292
lawfully be interrogated, the court of common pleas of any 4293
county where such disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or 4294
any judge thereof, on application by the superintendent, shall 4295
compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in 4296
the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena 4297
issued from the court or a refusal to testify therein. 4298

In any hearing held under this section, a record of the 4299
testimony, as provided by stenographic means or by use of audio 4300
electronic recording devices, as determined by the 4301
superintendent, and other evidence submitted shall be taken at 4302
the expense of the superintendent. The record shall include all 4303
of the testimony and other evidence, and rulings on the 4304
admissibility thereof, presented at the hearing. 4305

The superintendent shall pass upon the admissibility of 4306
evidence, but a party to the proceedings may at that time object 4307
to the rulings of the superintendent, and if the superintendent 4308
refuses to admit evidence, the party offering the evidence shall 4309
proffer the evidence. The proffer shall be made a part of the 4310
record of the hearing. 4311

In any hearing held under this section, the superintendent 4312
may call any person to testify under oath as upon cross- 4313
examination. The superintendent, or any one delegated by the 4314
superintendent to conduct a hearing, may administer oaths or 4315
affirmations. 4316

In any hearing under this section, the superintendent may 4317
appoint a hearing officer to conduct the hearing; the hearing 4318
officer has the same powers and authority in conducting the 4319
hearing as is granted to the superintendent. The hearing officer 4320
shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the state and 4321
be possessed of any additional qualifications as the 4322
superintendent requires. The hearing officer shall submit to the 4323
superintendent a written report setting forth the hearing 4324
officer's finding of fact and conclusions of law and a 4325
recommendation of the action to be taken by the superintendent. 4326
A copy of the written report and recommendation shall, within 4327
seven days of the date of filing thereof, be served upon the 4328
acquiring party or the acquiring party's attorney or other 4329
representative of record, by personal service, certified mail, 4330
electronic mail, or any other method designed to ensure and 4331
confirm receipt of the report. The acquiring party may, within 4332
three days of receipt of the copy of the written report and 4333
recommendation, file with the superintendent written objections 4334
to the report and recommendation, which objections the 4335
superintendent shall consider before approving, modifying, or 4336
disapproving the recommendation. The superintendent may grant 4337
extensions of time to the acquiring party within which to file 4338
such objections. No recommendation of the hearing officer shall 4339
be approved, modified, or disapproved by the superintendent 4340
until after three days following the service of the report and 4341
recommendation as provided in this section. The superintendent 4342

may order additional testimony to be taken or permit the 4343
introduction of further documentary evidence. The superintendent 4344
may approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendation of the 4345
hearing officer, and the order of the superintendent based on 4346
the report, recommendation, transcript of testimony, and 4347
evidence, or the objections of the acquiring party, and 4348
additional testimony and evidence shall have the same effect as 4349
if the hearing had been conducted by the superintendent. No such 4350
recommendation is final until confirmed and approved by the 4351
superintendent as indicated by the order entered in the record 4352
of proceedings, and if the superintendent modifies or 4353
disapproves the recommendations of the hearing officer, the 4354
reasons for the modification or disapproval shall be included in 4355
the record of proceedings. 4356

After the order is entered, the superintendent shall 4357
transmit in the manner and by any of the methods set forth in 4358
division (F) (2) (b) of this section a certified copy of the order 4359
and a statement of the time and method by which an appeal may be 4360
perfected. A copy of the order shall be mailed to the attorneys 4361
or other representatives of record representing the acquiring 4362
party. 4363

(e) An order of disapproval issued by the superintendent 4364
may be appealed to the court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ 4365
in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code by filing 4366
a notice of appeal with the superintendent and a copy of the 4367
notice of appeal with the court, within fifteen calendar days 4368
after the transmittal of the copy of the order of disapproval. 4369
The notice of appeal shall set forth the order appealed from and 4370
the grounds for appeal, in accordance with section 119.12 of the 4371
Revised Code. 4372

(3) The superintendent may retain at the acquiring party's 4373
expense any attorneys, actuaries, accountants, and other experts 4374
not otherwise a part of the superintendent's staff as may be 4375
reasonably necessary to assist the superintendent in reviewing 4376
the proposed acquisition of control. 4377

(G) This section does not apply to either of the 4378
following: 4379

(1) Any transaction that is subject to section 3921.14, or 4380
sections 3925.27 to 3925.31, 3941.35 to 3941.46, or section 4381
3953.19 of the Revised Code; 4382

(2) Any offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4383
acquisition that the superintendent by order exempts from this 4384
section on either of the following bases: 4385

(a) It has not been made or entered into for the purpose 4386
and does not have the effect of changing or influencing the 4387
control of a domestic insurer; 4388

(b) It is not otherwise comprehended within the purposes 4389
of this section. 4390

(H) Nothing in this section or in any other section of 4391
Title XXXIX of the Revised Code shall be construed to impair the 4392
authority of the attorney general to investigate or prosecute 4393
actions under any state or federal antitrust law with respect to 4394
any merger or other acquisition involving domestic insurers. 4395

(I) In connection with a proposed change of control 4396
involving a depository institution or any affiliate thereof, 4397
within the meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm- 4398
Leach-Bliley Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), 4399
and a domestic insurer, not later than sixty days after the date 4400
of the notification of the proposed change in control submitted 4401

pursuant to division (B) (2) of this section, the superintendent 4402
shall make any determination that the person acquiring control 4403
of the insurer shall maintain or restore the capital of the 4404
insurer to the level required by the laws and regulations of 4405
this state. 4406

Sec. 3913.13. Any policyholder adversely affected by an 4407
order of the superintendent of insurance pursuant to division 4408
(F) of section 3913.11 of the Revised Code, may appeal to the 4409
court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ pursuant to section 4410
119.12 of the Revised Code. 4411

Sec. 3913.23. Any policyholder adversely affected by an 4412
order of the superintendent of insurance pursuant to division 4413
(F) of section 3913.21 of the Revised Code, may appeal to the 4414
court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ pursuant to section 4415
119.12 of the Revised Code. 4416

Sec. 5101.35. (A) As used in this section: 4417

(1) (a) "Agency" means the following entities that 4418
administer a family services program: 4419

(i) The department of job and family services; 4420

(ii) A county department of job and family services; 4421

(iii) A public children services agency; 4422

(iv) A private or government entity administering, in 4423
whole or in part, a family services program for or on behalf of 4424
the department of job and family services or a county department 4425
of job and family services or public children services agency. 4426

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the 4427
department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized 4428
by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical 4429

assistance programs, "agency" includes the department of 4430
medicaid. 4431

(2) "Appellant" means an applicant, participant, former 4432
participant, recipient, or former recipient of a family services 4433
program who is entitled by federal or state law to a hearing 4434
regarding a decision or order of the agency that administers the 4435
program. 4436

(3) (a) "Family services program" means all of the 4437
following: 4438

(i) A Title IV-A program as defined in section 5101.80 of 4439
the Revised Code; 4440

(ii) Programs that provide assistance under Chapter 5104. 4441
of the Revised Code; 4442

(iii) Programs that provide assistance under section 4443
5101.141, 5101.461, 5101.54, 5119.41, 5153.163, or 5153.165 of 4444
the Revised Code; 4445

(iv) Title XX social services provided under section 4446
5101.46 of the Revised Code, other than such services provided 4447
by the department of mental health and addiction services, the 4448
department of developmental disabilities, a board of alcohol, 4449
drug addiction, and mental health services, or a county board of 4450
developmental disabilities. 4451

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the 4452
department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized 4453
by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical 4454
assistance programs, "family services program" includes medical 4455
assistance programs. 4456

(4) "Medical assistance program" has the same meaning as 4457

in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code. 4458

(B) Except as provided by divisions (G) and (H) of this 4459
section, an appellant who appeals under federal or state law a 4460
decision or order of an agency administering a family services 4461
program shall, at the appellant's request, be granted a state 4462
hearing by the department of job and family services. This state 4463
hearing shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted 4464
under this section. The state hearing shall be recorded, but 4465
neither the recording nor a transcript of the recording shall be 4466
part of the official record of the proceeding. Except as 4467
provided in section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, a state hearing 4468
decision is binding upon the agency and department, unless it is 4469
reversed or modified on appeal to the director of job and family 4470
services or a court of common pleas. 4471

(C) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, an 4472
appellant who disagrees with a state hearing decision may make 4473
an administrative appeal to the director of job and family 4474
services in accordance with rules adopted under this section. 4475
This administrative appeal does not require a hearing, but the 4476
director or the director's designee shall review the state 4477
hearing decision and previous administrative action and may 4478
affirm, modify, remand, or reverse the state hearing decision. 4479
An administrative appeal decision is the final decision of the 4480
department and, except as provided in section 5160.31 of the 4481
Revised Code, is binding upon the department and agency, unless 4482
it is reversed or modified on appeal to the court of common 4483
pleas. 4484

(D) An agency shall comply with a decision issued pursuant 4485
to division (B) or (C) of this section within the time limits 4486
established by rules adopted under this section. If a county 4487

department of job and family services or a public children 4488
services agency fails to comply within these time limits, the 4489
department may take action pursuant to section 5101.24 of the 4490
Revised Code. If another agency, other than the department of 4491
medicaid, fails to comply within the time limits, the department 4492
may force compliance by withholding funds due the agency or 4493
imposing another sanction established by rules adopted under 4494
this section. 4495

(E) An appellant who disagrees with an administrative 4496
appeal decision of the director of job and family services or 4497
the director's designee issued under division (C) of this 4498
section may appeal from the decision to the court of common 4499
pleas pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code. The appeal 4500
shall be governed by section 119.12 of the Revised Code except 4501
that: 4502

~~(1) The person may appeal to the court of common pleas of 4503
the county in which the person resides, or to the court of 4504
common pleas of Franklin county if the person does not reside in 4505
this state. 4506~~

~~(2) The person may apply to the court for designation as 4507
an indigent and, if the court grants this application, the 4508
appellant shall not be required to furnish the costs of the 4509
appeal. 4510~~

~~(3)~~ (2) The appellant shall mail the notice of appeal to 4511
the department of job and family services and file notice of 4512
appeal with the court within thirty days after the department 4513
mails the administrative appeal decision to the appellant. For 4514
good cause shown, the court may extend the time for mailing and 4515
filing notice of appeal, but such time shall not exceed six 4516
months from the date the department mails the administrative 4517

appeal decision. Filing notice of appeal with the court shall be 4518
the only act necessary to vest jurisdiction in the court. 4519

~~(4)~~ (3) The department shall be required to file a 4520
transcript of the testimony of the state hearing with the court 4521
only if the court orders the department to file the transcript. 4522
The court shall make such an order only if it finds that the 4523
department and the appellant are unable to stipulate to the 4524
facts of the case and that the transcript is essential to a 4525
determination of the appeal. The department shall file the 4526
transcript not later than thirty days after the day such an 4527
order is issued. 4528

(F) The department of job and family services shall adopt 4529
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 4530
implement this section, including rules governing the following: 4531

(1) State hearings under division (B) of this section. The 4532
rules shall include provisions regarding notice of eligibility 4533
termination and the opportunity of an appellant appealing a 4534
decision or order of a county department of job and family 4535
services to request a county conference with the county 4536
department before the state hearing is held. 4537

(2) Administrative appeals under division (C) of this 4538
section; 4539

(3) Time limits for complying with a decision issued under 4540
division (B) or (C) of this section; 4541

(4) Sanctions that may be applied against an agency under 4542
division (D) of this section. 4543

(G) The department of job and family services may adopt 4544
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 4545
establishing an appeals process for an appellant who appeals a 4546

decision or order regarding a Title IV-A program identified 4547
under division (A) (4) (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 4548
5101.80 of the Revised Code that is different from the appeals 4549
process established by this section. The different appeals 4550
process may include having a state agency that administers the 4551
Title IV-A program pursuant to an interagency agreement entered 4552
into under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code administer the 4553
appeals process. 4554

(H) If an appellant receiving medicaid through a health 4555
insuring corporation that holds a certificate of authority under 4556
Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code is appealing a denial of 4557
medicaid services based on lack of medical necessity or other 4558
clinical issues regarding coverage by the health insuring 4559
corporation, the person hearing the appeal may order an 4560
independent medical review if that person determines that a 4561
review is necessary. The review shall be performed by a health 4562
care professional with appropriate clinical expertise in 4563
treating the recipient's condition or disease. The department 4564
shall pay the costs associated with the review. 4565

A review ordered under this division shall be part of the 4566
record of the hearing and shall be given appropriate evidentiary 4567
consideration by the person hearing the appeal. 4568

(I) The requirements of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 4569
apply to a state hearing or administrative appeal under this 4570
section only to the extent, if any, specifically provided by 4571
rules adopted under this section. 4572

Sec. 5164.38. (A) As used in this section: 4573

(1) "Party" has the same meaning as in division (G) of 4574
section 119.01 of the Revised Code. 4575

(2) "Revalidate" means to approve a medicaid provider's 4576
continued enrollment as a medicaid provider in accordance with 4577
the revalidation process established in rules authorized by 4578
section 5164.32 of the Revised Code. 4579

(B) This section does not apply to either of the 4580
following: 4581

(1) Any action taken or decision made by the department of 4582
medicaid with respect to entering into or refusing to enter into 4583
a contract with a managed care organization pursuant to section 4584
5167.10 of the Revised Code; 4585

(2) Any action taken by the department under division (D) 4586
(2) of section 5124.60, division (D) (1) or (2) of section 4587
5124.61, or sections 5165.60 to 5165.89 of the Revised Code. 4588

(C) Except as provided in division (E) of this section and 4589
section 5164.58 of the Revised Code, the department shall do any 4590
of the following by issuing an order pursuant to an adjudication 4591
conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code: 4592

(1) Refuse to enter into a provider agreement with a 4593
medicaid provider; 4594

(2) Refuse to revalidate a medicaid provider's provider 4595
agreement; 4596

(3) Suspend or terminate a medicaid provider's provider 4597
agreement; 4598

(4) Take any action based upon a final fiscal audit of a 4599
medicaid provider. 4600

(D) Any party who is adversely affected by the issuance of 4601
an adjudication order under division (C) of this section may 4602
appeal to the court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ in 4603

accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 4604

(E) The department is not required to comply with division 4605
(C) (1), (2), or (3) of this section whenever any of the 4606
following occur: 4607

(1) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid 4608
provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain a 4609
certification issued by an official, board, commission, 4610
department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or 4611
federal government other than the department of medicaid, and 4612
the license, permit, certificate, or certification has been 4613
denied, revoked, not renewed, suspended, or otherwise limited. 4614

(2) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid 4615
provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain 4616
certification issued by an official, board, commission, 4617
department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or 4618
federal government other than the department of medicaid, and 4619
the provider has not obtained the license, permit, certificate, 4620
or certification. 4621

(3) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4622
agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is 4623
terminated or not revalidated, because of or pursuant to any of 4624
the following: 4625

(a) The termination, refusal to renew, or denial of a 4626
license, permit, certificate, or certification by an official, 4627
board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency 4628
of this state other than the department of medicaid, 4629
notwithstanding the fact that the provider may hold a license, 4630
permit, certificate, or certification from an official, board, 4631
commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of 4632

another state; 4633

(b) Division (D) or (E) of section 5164.35 of the Revised Code; 4634
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(c) The provider's termination, suspension, or exclusion from the medicare program or from another state's medicaid program and, in either case, the termination, suspension, or exclusion is binding on the provider's participation in the medicaid program in this state; 4636
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(d) The provider's pleading guilty to or being convicted of a criminal activity materially related to either the medicare or medicaid program; 4641
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(e) The provider or its owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee having been convicted of one of the offenses that caused the provider's provider agreement to be suspended pursuant to section 5164.36 of the Revised Code; 4644
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(f) The provider's failure to provide the department the national provider identifier assigned the provider by the national provider system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 162.408. 4648
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(4) The medicaid provider's application for a provider agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is terminated or suspended, as a result of action by the United States department of health and human services and that action is binding on the provider's medicaid participation. 4651
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(5) The medicaid provider's provider agreement and medicaid payments to the provider are suspended under section 5164.36 or 5164.37 of the Revised Code. 4656
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(6) The medicaid provider's application for a provider agreement is denied because the provider's application was not 4659
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complete; 4661

(7) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is 4662
converted under section 5164.32 of the Revised Code from a 4663
provider agreement that is not time-limited to a provider 4664
agreement that is time-limited. 4665

(8) Unless the medicaid provider is a nursing facility or 4666
ICF/IID, the provider's provider agreement is not revalidated 4667
pursuant to division (B)(1) of section 5164.32 of the Revised 4668
Code. 4669

(9) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is 4670
suspended, terminated, or not revalidated because of either of 4671
the following: 4672

(a) Any reason authorized or required by one or more of 4673
the following: 42 C.F.R. 455.106, 455.23, 455.416, 455.434, or 4674
455.450; 4675

(b) The provider has not billed or otherwise submitted a 4676
medicaid claim for two years or longer. 4677

(F) In the case of a medicaid provider described in 4678
division (E)(3)(f), (6), (7), or (9)(b) of this section, the 4679
department may take its action by sending a notice explaining 4680
the action to the provider. The notice shall be sent to the 4681
medicaid provider's address on record with the department. The 4682
notice may be sent by regular mail. 4683

(G) The department may withhold payments for medicaid 4684
services rendered by a medicaid provider during the pendency of 4685
proceedings initiated under division (C)(1), (2), or (3) of this 4686
section. If the proceedings are initiated under division (C)(4) 4687
of this section, the department may withhold payments only to 4688
the extent that they equal amounts determined in a final fiscal 4689

audit as being due the state. This division does not apply if 4690
the department fails to comply with section 119.07 of the 4691
Revised Code, requests a continuance of the hearing, or does not 4692
issue a decision within thirty days after the hearing is 4693
completed. This division does not apply to nursing facilities 4694
and ICFs/IID. 4695

Section 2. That existing sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 4696
956.11, 956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 1901.07, 4697
1901.08, 1901.31, 1907.11, 2301.03, 3794.09, 3901.321, 3913.13, 4698
3913.23, 5101.35, and 5164.38 of the Revised Code are hereby 4699
repealed. 4700

Section 3. (A) All cases arising in Perry Township in Wood 4701
County that are pending in the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin- 4702
Fostoria Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, shall be 4703
adjudicated by the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria 4704
Municipal Court. All cases arising in Perry Township in Wood 4705
County on or after January 2, 2024, shall be brought before the 4706
Bowling Green Municipal Court. 4707

(B) All cases arising in Washington Township in Hancock 4708
County that are pending in the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin- 4709
Fostoria Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, shall be 4710
adjudicated by the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria 4711
Municipal Court. All cases arising in Washington Township in 4712
Hancock County on or after January 2, 2024, shall be brought 4713
before the Findlay Municipal Court. 4714

(C) All cases that are pending in the Tenth District Court 4715
of Appeals on the effective date of this section and that were 4716
appropriately filed in that court shall be adjudicated by the 4717
Tenth District Court of Appeals. All cases that, prior to the 4718
effective date of this section, would have been solely within 4719

the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, and that on the effective date of this section are pending in a common pleas court that is an appropriate venue and are not pending in the Tenth District Court of Appeals, shall be adjudicated by that court of common pleas and shall remain solely within the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, on and after the effective date of this section.

(D) If, on or after the effective date of this section, a court of appeals other than the Tenth District Court of Appeals or a court of common pleas within the territory of a court of appeals other than the Tenth District Court of Appeals is considering any matter that, prior to the effective date of this section, would have been solely within the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, all of the following apply:

(1) The court of appeals or court of common pleas considering the matter may consider judicial decisions of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and the Tenth District Court of Appeals that were decided prior to the effective date of this section in deciding the matter.

(2) The judicial decisions of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and the Tenth District Court of Appeals that were decided prior to the effective date of this section are not binding on the court of appeals or court of common pleas considering the matter.

(3) The court of appeals or court of common pleas considering the matter is not required to issue any findings of fact explaining why the court, in deciding the matter, did not consider or follow any precedent on the matter set forth in any

judicial decision of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas 4750
or the Tenth District Court of Appeals. 4751

Section 4. The General Assembly, applying the principle 4752
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4753
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4754
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4755
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4756
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4757
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4758
as presented in this act: 4759

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