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Senator Coley

A BILL

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the
Revised Code to add two judges to the Domestic
Relations Division of the Franklin County Court
of Common Pleas, one to be elected in 2018 and
one to be elected in 2020, and to declare an
emergency.

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

Section 1. That sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms
shall be as follows:

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957;

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan,

Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 16
term to begin February 9, 1955; 17

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 18
to begin January 9, 1957; 19

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 20
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 21
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 22
begin January 1, 1957; 23

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 24
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 25
term to begin January 1, 2007; 26

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 27
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 28
term to begin January 2, 2005; 29

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 30
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 31
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 32

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 33
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 34
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 35

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 36
in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 37

In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 38
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term 39
to begin January 1, 2005; 40

In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 41
to begin May 9, 1957; 42

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to
begin May 14, 1953; 43
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In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to
begin July 6, 1956; 45
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In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,
term to begin January 1, 1979. 47
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(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 50
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected 51
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be 52
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 53

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 54
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, 55
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, 56
term to begin January 2, 1979; 57

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 58
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, 59
term to begin July 1, 1991; 60

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 61
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, 62
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 63
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 64
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 65

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 66
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 67
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 68
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 69

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 70

term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 71
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 72

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 73
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 74
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 75
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be 76
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 77

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 78
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 79
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 80

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 81
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 82
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 83

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 84
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 85
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 86
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 87

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 88
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 89
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 90
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 91

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 92
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, 93
term to begin on January 1, 1971; 94

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 95
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, 96
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, 97
term to begin January 2, 2003; 98

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	99
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	100
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	101
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	102
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	103
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	104
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	105
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	106
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	107
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	108
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	109
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	110
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	111
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	112
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	113
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	114
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	115
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	116
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	117
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	118
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	119
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	120
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	121
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in	122
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected	123
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	124
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be	125
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9,	126
1955, respectively;	127

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 128
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 129
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 130
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 131
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 132

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 133
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 134
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 135
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 136
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected 137
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 138

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 139
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 140
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 141

In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in 142
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 143
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 144
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 145

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 146
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 147
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 148
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 149
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 150
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 151
begin January 6, 2001; 152

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 153
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 154
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 155
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 156

begin January 1, 2005; 157

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 158
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 159
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 160
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 161
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 162
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 163
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 164
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 165
January 6, 2007; 166

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 167
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 168
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 169
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 170
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 171
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 172
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 173
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 174
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 175
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 176

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 177
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 178
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 179
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 180
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 181

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 182
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 183
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 184

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 185

term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 186
term to begin January 2, 1969; 187

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 188
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 189
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 190
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 191
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 192
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 193
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 194

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 195
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 196
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 197
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 198
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 199
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 200
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 201
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 202
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 203
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 204
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 205
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 206
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 207
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 208
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 209
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 210
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 211
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 212
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 213

In Franklin county, ~~twenty-two~~ twenty-four judges; two to 214
be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 215

9, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to 216
begin January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 217
1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three 218
to be elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to 219
January 7, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 220
successive days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; 221
one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to 222
be elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 223
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 224
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 225
2, 1997; ~~and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1,~~ 226
2005; one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; 227
and one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 2, 2021; 228

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 229
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 230
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 231
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 232
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 233
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 234
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 235
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 236
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 237
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 238
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 239
1997, respectively; 240

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 241
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 242
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 243
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 244
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 245
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 246

3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 247
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 248
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 249
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 250
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 251
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 252
begin January 2, 1993; 253

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 254
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 255
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 256
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 257
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 258
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 259
July 1, 1991; 260

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 261
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 262
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 263
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 264
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 265
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 266
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 267
successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 268
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 269
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 270
begin January 1, 1993; 271

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 272
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 273
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 274
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 275
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 276

1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 277
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 278
respectively; 279

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 280
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 281
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 282
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 283
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 284
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 285
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 286
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 287
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 288
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 289

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 290
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 291
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 292
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 293
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 294
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 295
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 296
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 297
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 298
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 299
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 300
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 301
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 302
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 303
be reduced. 304

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 305
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 306

elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the probate division.

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

subdivisions and departments. 338

(B) In Hamilton county: 339

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 340
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 341
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 342
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 343
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 344
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 345

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 346
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 347
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 348
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 349
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 350
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 351
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 352
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 353
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 354
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 355
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 356
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 357
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 358
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 359
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 360
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 361
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 362
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 363
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 364
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 365
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 366
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 367

administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 368
year. 369

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 370
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 371
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 372
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 373
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 374
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 375
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 376
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 377
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 378

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 379
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 380
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 381
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 382
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 383
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 384
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 385
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 386
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 387
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 388
are parties to an action pending in the division. 389

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 390
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 391
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 392
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 393
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 394
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 395
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 396
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 397

cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 398
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 399
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 400
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 401
division of domestic relations. 402

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 403
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 404
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 405
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 406
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 407
relations. 408

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 409
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 410
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 411
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 412
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 413
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 414
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 415
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 416
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 417
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 418

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 419
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 420
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 421
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 422
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 423
drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 424
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 425
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 426
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 427

dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 428
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 429

A judge of the general division of the court of common 430
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 431
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 432
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 433
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 434
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 435
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 436
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 437
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 438
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 439
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 440
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 441
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 442

A judge of the general division of the court of common 443
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 444
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 445
division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 446
both of the following apply: 447

(a) One of the following applies: 448

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 449
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 450
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 451
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 452
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 453

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 454
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 455
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 456

1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 457
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 458
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 459
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 460
treatment. 461

(b) All of the following apply: 462

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 463
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 464
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 465
to be imposed. 466

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 467

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 468

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 469
drug or alcohol driven. 470

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 471
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 472

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 473

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 474
prosecutor approves of the referral. 475

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 476
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 477
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 478
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 479
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 480
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 481
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 482
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 483
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 484

volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 485
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 486

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 487
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 488
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 489
Revised Code. 490

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 491

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 492
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 493
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 494
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 495
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 496
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 497
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 498
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 499
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 500
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 501
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 502
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 503
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 504
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 505
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 506
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 507
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 508
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 509
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 510
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 511
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 512
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 513
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 514

separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 515
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 516
other judge of the court of common pleas. 517

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 518
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 519
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 520
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 521
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 522
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 523
Code. 524

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 525
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 526
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 527
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 528
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 529
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 530
probate judge. 531

(2)(a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 532
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 533
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 534
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 535
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 536
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 537
relations. 538

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 539
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 540
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 541
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 542
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 543
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 544

relations. 545

(D) In Lucas county: 546

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 547
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 548
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 549
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 550
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 551
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 552
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 553
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 554
assigned to them. 555

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 556
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 557
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 558
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 559
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 560
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 561

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 562
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 563
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 564
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 565
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 566
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 567
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 568
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 569
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 570
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 571
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 572
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 573
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 574

and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 575
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 576
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 577
in the discharge of their various duties. 578

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 579
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 580
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 581
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 582
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 583
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 584
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 585
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 586
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 587
parties to an action pending in the division. 588

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 589
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 590
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 591
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 592
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 593
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 594

(E) In Mahoning county: 595

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 596
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 597
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 598
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 599
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 600
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 601
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 602
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 603
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 604

of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 605
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 606
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 607
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 608
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 609
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 610
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 611
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 612

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 613
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 614
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 615
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 616
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 617
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 618
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 619
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 620
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 621
action pending in the division. 622

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 623
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 624
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 625
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 626
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 627
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 628
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 629
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 630
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 631
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 632
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 633
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 634
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 635

the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 636
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 637
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 638

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 639
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 640
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 641
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 642
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 643
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 644
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 645
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 646
action pending in the division. 647

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 648
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 649
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 650
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 651
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 652
of common pleas. 653

(F) In Montgomery county: 654

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 655
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 656
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 657
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 658
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 659
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 660
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 661
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 662
and annulment cases. 663

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 664

point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 665
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 666
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 667
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 668
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 669
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 670
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 671
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 672
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 673
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 674
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 675
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 676
fix their duties. 677

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 678
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 679
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 680
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 681
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 682
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 683
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 684
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 685
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 686

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 687
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 688
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 689
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 690
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 691
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 692
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 693
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 694
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 695

absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 696
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 697
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 698
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 699
conciliation services that are available upon request to 700
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 701
the division. 702

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 703
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 704
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 705
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 706
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 707
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 708
of those divisions. 709

(G) In Richland county: 710

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 711
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 712
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 713
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 714
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 715
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 716
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 717
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 718
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 719
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 720
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 721
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 722
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 723
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 724
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 725

and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 726
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 727
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 728
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 729
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 730
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 731
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 732
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 733
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 734
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 735
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 736
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 737
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 738
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 739
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 740
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 741
of those matters. 742

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 743
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 744
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 745
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 746
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 747
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 748
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 749
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 750
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 751
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 752
shall fix their duties. 753

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 754
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 755
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 756

receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 757
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 758
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 759
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 760
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 761
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 762
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 763
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 764
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 765
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 766
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 767
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 768
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 769
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 770
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 771
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 772
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 773

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 774
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 775
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 776
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 777
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 778
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 779
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 780
discharge of the judge's various duties. 781

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 782
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 783
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 784
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 785
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 786
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 787

conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 788
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 789
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 790

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 791
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 792
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 793
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 794
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 795
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 796
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 797
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 798
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 799
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 800
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 801
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 802
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 803
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 804

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 805
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 806
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 807
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 808
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 809
referees required for the judge's respective court. 810

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 811
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 812
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 813
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 814
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 815
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 816
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 817

employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 818
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 819
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 820
juvenile judge to serve. 821

(4) On and after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 822
September 29, 2015, all references in law to "the division of 823
domestic relations," "the domestic relations division," "the 824
domestic relations court," "the judge of the division of 825
domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic relations 826
division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark county, as 827
being references to "the family court division" or "the judge of 828
the family court division." 829

(I) In Summit county: 830

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 831
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 832
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 833
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 834
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 835
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 836
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 837
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 838
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 839
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 840
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 841
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 842
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 843
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 844
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 845
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 846
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 847

relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 848
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 849
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 850

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 851
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 852
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 853
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 854
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 855
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 856
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 857
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 858
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 859
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 860
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 861
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 862
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 863
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 864
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 865
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 866
action pending in the division. 867

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 868
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 869
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 870
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 871
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 872
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 873
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 874
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 875
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 876
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 877
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 878

shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 879
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 880
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 881
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 882
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 883
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 884
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 885
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 886

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 887
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 888
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 889
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 890
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 891
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 892
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 893
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 894
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 895
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 896
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 897
conciliation services that are available upon request to 898
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 899
the division. 900

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 901
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 902
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 903
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 904
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 905
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 906
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 907
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 908
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 909

proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 910
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 911
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 912
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 913
court of common pleas. 914

(K) In Butler county: 915

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 916
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 917
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 918
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 919
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 920
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 921
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 922
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 923
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 924
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 925
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 926
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 927
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 928
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 929
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 930
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 931
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 932
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 933
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 934
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 935
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 936
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 937
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 938
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 939
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 940

and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 941
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 942
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 943
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 944
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 945
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 946
division. 947

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 948
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 949
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 950
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 951
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 952
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 953
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 954
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 955
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 956
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 957

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 958
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 959
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 960
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 961
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 962
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 963
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 964
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 965
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 966
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 967
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 968
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 969
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 970
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 971

determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 972
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 973
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 974
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 975
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 976
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 977
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 978
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 979
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 980
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 981
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 982
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 983
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 984
various duties. 985

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 986
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 987
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 988
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 989
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 990
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 991
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 992
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 993
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 994

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 995
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 996
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 997
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 998
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 999
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1000

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1001

common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1002
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1003
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1004
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1005
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1006
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1007
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1008
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1009
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1010
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1011
some special reason. 1012

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1013
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1014
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1015

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1016
supervision; 1017

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1018
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1019

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1020
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1021
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1022
legal separation and annulment matters. 1023

(M) In Lake county: 1024

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1025
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1026
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1027
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1028
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1029
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1030

domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1031
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1032
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1033
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1034
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1035
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1036
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1037
division. 1038

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1039
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1040
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1041
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1042
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1043
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1044
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1045
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1046
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1047
division, who request the services. 1048

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1049
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1050
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1051
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1052
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1053
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1054
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1055
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1056
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1057
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1058
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1059
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1060
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1061

servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1062
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1063
the judge's various duties. 1064

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1065
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1066
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1067
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1068
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1069
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1070
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1071
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1072
request the services. 1073

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1074
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1075
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1076
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1077
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1078
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1079

(N) In Erie county: 1080

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1081
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1082
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1083
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1084
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1085
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1086
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1087
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1088
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1089
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1090
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1091

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1092
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1093
other judge. 1094

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1095
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1096
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1097
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1098
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1099
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1100
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1101

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1102
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1103
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1104
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1105
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1106
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1107
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1108
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1109
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1110
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1111
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1112
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1113

(0) In Greene county: 1114

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1115
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1116
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1117
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1118
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1119
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1120
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1121

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1122
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1123
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1124
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1125
court of common pleas. 1126

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1127
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1128
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1129
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1130
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1131
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1132
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1133
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1134
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1135
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1136
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1137
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1138
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1139
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1140
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1141
general division of the court of common pleas. 1142

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1143
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1144
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1145
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1146
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1147
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1148
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1149
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1150
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1151
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1152

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1153
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1154
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1155
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1156
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1157
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1158
the judge's various duties. 1159

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1160
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1161
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1162
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1163
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1164
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1165
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1166
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1167
request the services. 1168

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1169
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1170
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1171
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1172
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1173
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1174
division. 1175

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1176
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1177
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1178
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1179
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1180
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1181
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1182

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1183
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1184
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1185
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1186
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1187
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1188
domestic relations division. 1189

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1190
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1191
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1192
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1193
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1194
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1195
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1196
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1197
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1198
division, who request the services. 1199

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1200
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1201
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1202
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1203
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1204
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1205
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1206
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1207
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1208
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1209
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1210
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1211
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1212
domestic relations division. 1213

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1214
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1215
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1216
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1217
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1218
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1219
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1220
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1221
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1222
division, who request the services. 1223

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1224
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1225
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1226
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1227
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1228
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1229
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1230
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1231
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1232
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1233
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1234
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1235
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1236
domestic relations division. 1237

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1238
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1239
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1240
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1241
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1242
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1243
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1244

services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1245
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1246
division, who request the services. 1247

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1248
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1249
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1250
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1251
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1252
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1253
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1254
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1255
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1256
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1257
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1258
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1259
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1260
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1261
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1262
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1263
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1264
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1265
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1266
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1267

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1268
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1269
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1270
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1271
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1272
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1273
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1274
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1275

cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1276
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1277
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1278
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1279
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1280
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1281
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1282
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1283

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1284
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1285
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1286
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1287
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1288
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1289
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1290
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1291
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1292
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1293
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1294
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1295
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1296
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1297
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1298
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1299
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1300
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1301
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1302

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1303
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1304
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1305
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1306

division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1307
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1308
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1309
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1310
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1311
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1312
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1313
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1314
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1315
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1316
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1317

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1318
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1319
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1320
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1321
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1322
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1323
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1324
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1325
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1326
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1327
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1328
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1329
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1330
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1331
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1332
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1333
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1334
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1335
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1336

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1337

allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1338
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1339
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1340
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1341
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1342
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1343
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1344
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1345
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1346
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1347
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1348
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1349
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1350
pending in the division, who request the services. 1351

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1352
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1353
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1354
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1355
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1356
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1357
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1358
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1359
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1360
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1361
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1362
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1363
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1364
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1365
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1366
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1367
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1368

probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1369
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1370
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1371
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1372
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1373
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1374
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1375
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1376
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1377
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1378
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1379
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1380
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1381
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1382
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1383
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1384
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1385

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1386
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1387
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1388
personnel of the division. 1389

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1390
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1391
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1392
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1393
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1394
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1395
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1396
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1397
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1398
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1399

designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1400
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1401
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1402
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1403
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1404
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1405
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1406
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1407
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1408
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1409
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1410
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1411
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1412
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1413
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1414
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1415
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1416
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1417
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1418
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1419
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1420
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1421

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1422
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1423
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1424
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1425
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1426
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1427
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1428
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1429
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1430

under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1431
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1432
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1433
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1434
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1435
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1436
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1437
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1438
and the judges of the general division. 1439

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1440
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1441
children services board and the county advisory board. 1442

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1443
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1444
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1445
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1446
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1447
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1448
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1449
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1450
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1451
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1452
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1453
domestic relations of that court. 1454

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1455
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1456
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1457
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1458
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1459
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1460

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1461
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1462
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1463
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1464
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1465
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1466
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1467
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1468
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1469
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1470
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1471
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1472
the personnel of the division. 1473

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1474
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1475
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1476
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1477
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1478
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1479
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1480
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1481
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1482
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1483
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1484
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1485
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1486
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1487
pending in the division, who request the services. 1488

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1489
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1490
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1491

division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1492
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1493
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1494
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1495
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1496
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1497
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1498
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1499
duties. 1500

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1501
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1502
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1503
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1504
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1505
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1506
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1507
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1508
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1509
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1510
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1511
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1512
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1513
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1514
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1515
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1516
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1517
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1518
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1519
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1520
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1521
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1522

whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1523
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1524
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1525
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1526
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1527
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1528
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1529
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1530
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1531
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1532
(Z) (1) of this section. 1533

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1534
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1535
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1536
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1537
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1538
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1539
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1540
pleas of Marion county. 1541

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1542
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1543
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1544
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1545
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1546
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1547
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1548
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1549
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1550
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1551
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z) (2) of this 1552
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1553

common pleas of Marion county. 1554

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1555
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1556
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1557
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1558
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1559
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1560
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1561
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1562
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1563
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1564
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1565
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1566
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1567
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1568
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1569
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1570
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1571
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1572
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1573

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1574
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1575
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1576
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1577
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1578
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1579
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1580
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1581
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1582
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1583
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1584

custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1585
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1586
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1587
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1588

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1589
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1590
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1591
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1592
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1593
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1594
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1595
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1596
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1597
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1598
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1599
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1600
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1601
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1602
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1603
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1604
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1605
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1606
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1607
the court of common pleas. 1608

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1609
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1610
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1611
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1612
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1613
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1614
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1615

Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1616
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1617
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1618
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1619
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1620
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1621
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1622
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1623
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1624
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1625
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1626
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1627
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1628
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1629
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1630
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1631
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1632
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1633
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1634
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1635
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1636
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1637
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1638
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1639
(CC) (1) of this section. 1640

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1641
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1642
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who 1643
is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division 1644
of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 1645
of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the 1646

probate division and juvenile division of the court of common 1647
pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas 1648
who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code 1649
shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and 1650
files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1651

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1652
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1653
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1654
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1655
probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1656
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1657
probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations- 1658
juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all 1659
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1660
construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to 1661
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC)(2) of this 1662
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1663
common pleas of Logan county. 1664

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1665
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1666
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1667
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1668
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1669
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1670
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1671
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1672
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1673
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1674
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1675
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1676
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1677

Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1678
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1679
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1680
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1681
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1682
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1683
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1684
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1685
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1686
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1687
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1688
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1689
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1690
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1691
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1692
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1693
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1694
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1695
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 1696
section. 1697

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1698
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1699
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1700
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1701
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1702
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1703
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1704
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1705
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1706
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1707
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1708

judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1709
probate division. 1710

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1711
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1712
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1713
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1714
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1715
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1716
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1717
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1718
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1719
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1720
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1721
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1722
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1723
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1724
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1725
of common pleas. 1726

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1727
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1728
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1729
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1730
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1731
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1732
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1733
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1734
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1735

Section 2. That existing sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of 1736
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1737

Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1738

measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1739
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 1740
allow judicial candidates to meet the filing deadlines to appear 1741
on the ballot in 2018. Therefore, this act shall go into 1742
immediate effect. 1743

Section 4. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is 1744
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1745
by both Am. H.B. 11 and Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General 1746
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1747
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1748
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1749
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1750
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1751
as presented in this act. 1752