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A BILL

To amend sections 1901.123, 1901.34, 1907.143, 1
2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 and to enact 2
section 2101.027 of the Revised Code to 3
reallocate jurisdictional responsibilities of 4
current judges of the Hardin County Court of 5
Common Pleas, to create the Domestic Relations 6
Division of the Hardin County Court of Common 7
Pleas, to modify the provisions regarding the 8
reimbursement of assigned municipal and county 9
court judges, to require that the Columbiana 10
County prosecuting attorney prosecute all 11
violations of state law arising in the county, 12
and to declare an emergency. 13

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.123, 1901.34, 1907.143, 14
2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 be amended and section 2101.027 of 15
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 16

Sec. 1901.123. (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under 17

division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in 18
which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court 19
is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an 20
acting judge appointed pursuant to division (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), 21
or (C) (1) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled 22
pursuant to division (A) (1) of section 1901.122 of the Revised 23
Code. 24

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county-operated 25
municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay 26
the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned 27
pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) 28
of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to 29
division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code. 30

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this 31
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county-operated 32
municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay 33
the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned 34
pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) 35
of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to 36
division (B) (2) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code. 37

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this 38
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation 39
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), 40
(A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the 41
Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 42
1901.122 of the Revised Code. 43

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division 44
(A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay ~~any~~ the per 45
diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 46
~~entitled under division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the~~ 47

~~Revised Code~~, shall submit to the administrative director of the
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an
affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause
reimbursements of ~~those~~ the state portion of the per diem
amounts paid to be issued to the county if the administrative
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid.

(C) ~~The~~ If the supreme court, pursuant to division ~~(A) (2)~~
(A) (4) of this section, is required to pay ~~any~~ the per diem
compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled ~~under~~
~~division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.~~
Annually, annually, on the first day of August, the
administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a
billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a
judge was assigned to a municipal court for reimbursement of the
county or local portion of the per diem compensation previously
paid by the ~~state~~ supreme court for the twelve-month period
preceding the last day of June. The county or local portion of
the per diem compensation shall be that part of each per diem
paid by the state which is proportional to the county or local
shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of such
court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within
thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the county treasurer
shall seek reimbursement from the applicable local
municipalities as appropriate.

Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall

prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 79
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 80
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 81
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 82
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 83
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 84
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 85
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 86
within the territory of the municipal court. 87

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 88
Columbiana county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson 89
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Paulding county, Perry 90
county, Portage county, and Putnam county prosecuting attorneys 91
shall prosecute in municipal court all violations of state law 92
arising in their respective counties. The Carroll county, 93
Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison county, and Wayne 94
county prosecuting attorneys and beginning January 1, 2008, the 95
Erie county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute all violations 96
of state law arising within the unincorporated areas of their 97
respective counties. ~~The Columbiana county prosecuting attorney~~ 98
~~shall prosecute in the Columbiana county municipal court all~~ 99
~~violations of state law arising in the county, except for~~ 100
~~violations arising in the municipal corporation of East~~ 101
~~Liverpool, Liverpool township, or St. Clair township.~~ The Darke 102
county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the Darke county 103
municipal court all violations of state law arising in the 104
county, except for violations of state law arising in the 105
municipal corporation of Greenville and violations of state law 106
arising in the village of Versailles. The Greene county board of 107
county commissioners may provide for the prosecution of all 108
violations of state law arising within the territorial 109

jurisdiction of any municipal court located in Greene county. 110
The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in 111
the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, misdemeanor, 112
and traffic violations arising in the unincorporated townships 113
of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay and all felony violations 114
of state law and all violations involving a state or county 115
agency arising within the jurisdiction of the court. All other 116
violations arising in the territory of the Montgomery county 117
municipal court shall be prosecuted by the village solicitor, 118
city director of law, or similar chief legal officer for each 119
municipal corporation within the territory of the Montgomery 120
county municipal court. 121

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 122
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 123
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 124
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 125
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 126
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 127
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 128
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 129
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 130
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 131

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 132
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 133
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 134
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 135
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 136
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 137
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 138
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 139
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 140

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 141
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 142
Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter 143
into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county 144
in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 145
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 146
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 147
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 148
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 149
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 150
Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county may enter 151
into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county 152
in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 153
respective prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought 154
before the Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 155
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 156
Ottawa county, Paulding county, Perry county, Portage county, or 157
Putnam county municipal court for violations of the ordinances 158
of the municipal corporation or for criminal offenses other than 159
violations of state law occurring within the municipal 160
corporation. For prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting 161
attorney and the municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to 162
be paid by the municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid 163
into the county treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the 164
office of the prosecuting attorney. 165

Sec. 1907.143. (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under 166
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in 167
which a county court is located shall pay the per diem 168
compensation to which an acting judge appointed pursuant to 169
division ~~(A) (2) (b)~~ (A) (2) (a), (B) (1), or (C) (1) of section 170
1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division 171

(A) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code. 172

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county court is 173
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned 174
judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), 175
or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled 176
pursuant to division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1907.142 of the 177
Revised Code. 178

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this 179
section, the treasurer of the county in which a county court is 180
located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned 181
judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), 182
or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled 183
pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1907.142 of the Revised 184
Code. 185

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this 186
section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation 187
to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), 188
(A) (2) (b), (B) (2), or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised 189
Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 1907.142 190
of the Revised Code. 191

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division 192
(A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay ~~any the per~~ 193
diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 194
~~entitled under division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the~~ 195
~~Revised Code,~~ shall submit to the administrative director of the 196
supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state 197
portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall 198
include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an 199
affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the 200
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause 201

reimbursements of ~~those~~ the state portion of the per diem 202
amounts paid to be issued to the county if the administrative 203
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid. 204

(C) ~~The~~ If the supreme court, pursuant to division ~~(A) (2)~~ 205
~~(A) (4)~~ of this section, is required to pay ~~any~~ the per diem 206
compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled ~~under~~ 207
~~division (A) (5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code.~~ 208
~~Annually,~~ annually, on the first day of August, the 209
administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a 210
billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a 211
judge was assigned to a county court for reimbursement of the 212
county portion of the per diem compensation previously paid by 213
the ~~state supreme court~~ for the twelve-month period preceding 214
the last day of June. The county portion of the per diem 215
compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the 216
state which is proportional to the county shares of the total 217
compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county 218
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. After 219
forwarding the payment, the county treasurer shall seek 220
reimbursement from the applicable local municipalities as 221
appropriate. 222

Sec. 2101.027. (A) From January 1, 2023, through February 223
8, 2027, the probate judge of the court of common pleas of 224
Hardin county shall have all the powers relating to the general 225
division of the court of common pleas of Hardin county, shall be 226
the clerk of the probate court, and shall exercise jurisdiction 227
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 228
division. 229

(B) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hardin 230
county who is elected in 2026, and successors, is the successor 231

to the judge of the probate division of that court whose term 232
expires February 8, 2027, shall be designated as a judge of the 233
court of common pleas, general division, shall have all the 234
powers relating to the general division of the court of common 235
pleas of Hardin county, shall be the clerk of the probate court, 236
and shall exercise jurisdiction over matters that are within the 237
jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 238
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code and all matters 239
that are within the general division of that court, as set forth 240
in division (FF)(2) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 241

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record 242
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 243
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 244
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 245

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 246
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 247
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 248
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 249
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(FF)~~ 250
(GG) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 251
of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 252
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 253
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 254
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 255
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 256
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 257
act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 258
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 259
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 260
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 261

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 262
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 263
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 264
shall be as follows: 265

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 266
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 267

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 268
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 269
term to begin February 9, 1955; 270

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 271
to begin January 9, 1957; 272

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 273
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 274
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 275
begin January 1, 1957; 276

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 277
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 278
term to begin January 1, 2007; 279

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 280
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 281
term to begin January 2, 2005; 282

In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 283
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 284
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 285

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 286
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 287
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 288

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 289

in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 290

In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 291
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term 292
to begin January 1, 2005; 293

In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 294
to begin May 9, 1957; 295

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to 296
begin May 14, 1953; 297

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to 298
begin July 6, 1956; 299

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 300
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, 301
term to begin January 1, 1979; 302

In Hardin County, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 303
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2026, 304
term to begin February 9, 2027. 305

(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 306
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected 307
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be 308
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 309

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 310
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, 311
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, 312
term to begin January 2, 1979; 313

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 314
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, 315
term to begin July 1, 1991; 316

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 317
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, 318
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 319
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 320
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 321

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 322
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 323
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 324
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 325

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 326
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 327
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 328

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 329
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 330
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 331
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be 332
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 333

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 334
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 335
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 336

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 337
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 338
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 339

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 340
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 341
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 342
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 343

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 344
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 345

term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 346
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 347

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 348
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, 349
term to begin on January 1, 1971; 350

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 351
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, 352
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, 353
term to begin January 2, 2003; 354

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 355
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 356
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 357
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 358

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 359
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 360
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 361

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 362
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 363
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 364
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 365

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 366
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 367
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 368

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 369
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 370
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 371
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be 372
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 373

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 374
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 375
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 376

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 377
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 378
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected 379
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991; 380

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be 381
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 382
1955, respectively; 383

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 384
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 385
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 386
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 387
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 388

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 389
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 390
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 391
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 392
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected 393
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 394

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 395
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 396
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 397

In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in 398
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 399
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 400
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 401

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 402

term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 403
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 404
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 405
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 406
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 407
begin January 6, 2001; 408

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 409
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 410
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 411
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 412
begin January 1, 2005; 413

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 414
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 415
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 416
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 417
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 418
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 419
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 420
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 421
January 6, 2007; 422

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 423
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 424
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 425
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 426
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 427
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 428
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 429
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 430
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 431
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 432

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 433
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 434
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 435
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 436
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 437

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 438
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 439
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 440

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 441
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 442
term to begin January 2, 1969; 443

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 444
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 445
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 446
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 447
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 448
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 449
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 450

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 451
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 452
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 453
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 454
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 455
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 456
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 457
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 458
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 459
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 460
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 461
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 462

January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 463
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 464
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 465
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 466
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 467
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 468
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 469

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 470
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 471
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 472
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 473
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 474
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 475
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 476
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 477
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 478
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 479
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 480
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 481
2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 482
one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 483
one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 3, 2021; 484

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 485
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 486
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 487
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 488
January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 489
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 490
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 491
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 492
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 493

elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 494
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 495
1997, respectively; 496

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 497
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 498
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 499
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 500
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 501
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 502
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 503
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 504
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 505
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 506
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 507
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 508
begin January 2, 1993; 509

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 510
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 511
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 512
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 513
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 514
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 515
July 1, 1991; 516

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 517
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 518
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 519
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 520
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 521
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 522
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 523

successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 524
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 525
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 526
begin January 1, 1993; 527

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 528
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 529
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 530
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 531
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 532
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 533
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 534
respectively; 535

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 536
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 537
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 538
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 539
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 540
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 541
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 542
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 543
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 544
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 545

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 546
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 547
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 548
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 549
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 550
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 551
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 552
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 553

office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 554
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 555
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 556
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 557
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 558
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 559
be reduced. 560

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 561
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 562
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 563
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 564
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 565
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 566
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 567
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 568
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 569
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 570
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 571
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 572
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 573
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 574
probate division. 575

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 576
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 577
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 578
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 579
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 580
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 581
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 582
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 583
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 584

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 585
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 586
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 587
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 588
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 589
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 590
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 591
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 592
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 593
subdivisions and departments. 594

(B) In Hamilton county: 595

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 596
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 597
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 598
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 599
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 600
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 601

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 602
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 603
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 604
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 605
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 606
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 607
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 608
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 609
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 610
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 611
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 612
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 613
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 614

August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 615
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 616
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 617
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 618
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 619
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 620
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 621
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 622
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 623
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 624
year. 625

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 626
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 627
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 628
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 629
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 630
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 631
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 632
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 633
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 634

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 635
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 636
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 637
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 638
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 639
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 640
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 641
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 642
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 643
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 644
are parties to an action pending in the division. 645

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 646
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 647
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 648
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 649
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 650
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 651
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 652
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 653
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 654
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 655
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 656
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 657
division of domestic relations. 658

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 659
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 660
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 661
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 662
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 663
relations. 664

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 665
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 666
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 667
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 668
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 669
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 670
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 671
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 672
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 673
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 674

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 675

county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 676
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 677
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 678
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 679
drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this section. After 680
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 681
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 682
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 683
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 684
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 685

A judge of the general division of the court of common 686
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 687
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 688
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 689
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 690
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 691
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 692
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 693
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 694
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 695
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 696
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 697
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 698

A judge of the general division of the court of common 699
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 700
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 701
division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 702
both of the following apply: 703

(a) One of the following applies: 704

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 705

section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 706
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 707
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 708
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 709

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 710
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 711
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 712
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 713
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 714
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 715
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 716
treatment. 717

(b) All of the following apply: 718

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 719
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 720
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 721
to be imposed. 722

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 723

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 724

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 725
drug or alcohol driven. 726

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 727
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 728

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 729

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 730
prosecutor approves of the referral. 731

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 732

pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 733
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 734
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 735
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 736
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 737
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 738
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 739
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 740
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 741
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 742

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 743
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 744
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 745
Revised Code. 746

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 747

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 748
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 749
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 750
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 751
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 752
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 753
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 754
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 755
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 756
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 757
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 758
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 759
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 760
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 761
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 762

shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 763
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 764
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 765
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 766
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 767
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 768
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 769
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 770
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 771
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 772
other judge of the court of common pleas. 773

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 774
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 775
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 776
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 777
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 778
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 779
Code. 780

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 781
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 782
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 783
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 784
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 785
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 786
probate judge. 787

(2)(a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 788
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 789
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 790
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 791
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 792

judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 793
relations. 794

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 795
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 796
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 797
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 798
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 799
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 800
relations. 801

(D) In Lucas county: 802

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 803
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 804
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 805
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 806
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 807
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 808
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 809
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 810
assigned to them. 811

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 812
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 813
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 814
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 815
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 816
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 817

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 818
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 819
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 820
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 821

of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 822
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 823
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 824
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 825
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 826
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 827
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 828
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 829
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 830
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 831
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 832
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 833
in the discharge of their various duties. 834

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 835
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 836
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 837
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 838
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 839
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 840
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 841
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 842
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 843
parties to an action pending in the division. 844

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 845
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 846
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 847
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 848
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 849
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 850

(E) In Mahoning county: 851

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 852
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 853
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 854
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 855
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 856
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 857
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 858
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 859
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 860
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 861
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 862
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 863
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 864
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 865
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 866
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 867
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 868

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 869
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 870
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 871
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 872
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 873
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 874
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 875
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 876
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 877
action pending in the division. 878

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 879
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 880
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 881
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 882

common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 883
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 884
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 885
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 886
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 887
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 888
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 889
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 890
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 891
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 892
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 893
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 894

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 895
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 896
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 897
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 898
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 899
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 900
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 901
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 902
action pending in the division. 903

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 904
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 905
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 906
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 907
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 908
of common pleas. 909

(F) In Montgomery county: 910

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 911
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 912

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 913
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 914
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 915
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 916
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 917
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 918
and annulment cases. 919

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 920
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 921
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 922
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 923
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 924
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 925
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 926
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 927
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 928
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 929
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 930
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 931
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 932
fix their duties. 933

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 934
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 935
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 936
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 937
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 938
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 939
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 940
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 941
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 942

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 943
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 944
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 945
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 946
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 947
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 948
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 949
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 950
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 951
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 952
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 953
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 954
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 955
conciliation services that are available upon request to 956
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 957
the division. 958

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 959
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 960
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 961
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 962
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 963
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 964
of those divisions. 965

(G) In Richland county: 966

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 967
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 968
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 969
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 970
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 971
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 972

domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 973
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 974
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 975
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 976
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 977
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 978
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 979
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 980
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 981
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 982
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 983
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 984
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 985
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 986
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 987
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 988
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 989
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 990
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 991
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 992
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 993
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 994
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 995
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 996
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 997
of those matters. 998

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 999
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 1000
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1001
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1002
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1003

domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1004
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1005
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1006
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1007
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1008
shall fix their duties. 1009

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1010
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 1011
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1012
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1013
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 1014
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1015
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1016
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1017
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1018
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1019
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1020
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 1021
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1022
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1023
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 1024
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 1025
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 1026
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1027
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1028
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1029

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1030
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1031
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 1032
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1033
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 1034

handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1035
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 1036
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1037

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 1038
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1039
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1040
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1041
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1042
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 1043
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 1044
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1045
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1046

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 1047
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 1048
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 1049
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1050
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1051
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 1052
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 1053
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 1054
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1055
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1056
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1057
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 1058
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 1059
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 1060

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 1061
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1062
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1063
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1064

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1065
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1066

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 1067
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1068
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 1069
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 1070
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 1071
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 1072
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 1073
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 1074
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 1075
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 1076
juvenile judge to serve. 1077

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 1078
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 1079
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 1080
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 1081
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 1082
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 1083
"the judge of the family court division." 1084

(I) In Summit county: 1085

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1086
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 1087
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1088
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1089
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 1090
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1091
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1092
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 1093
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1094

annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 1095
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1096
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 1097
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 1098
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 1099
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1100
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 1101
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 1102
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 1103
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 1104
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1105

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1106
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1107
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 1108
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 1109
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 1110
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1111
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1112
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 1113
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1114
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1115
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1116
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1117
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1118
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1119
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1120
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1121
action pending in the division. 1122

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1123
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1124
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1125

receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1126
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1127
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1128
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1129
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1130
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1131
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1132
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1133
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 1134
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1135
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 1136
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 1137
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 1138
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1139
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1140
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1141

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1142
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1143
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1144
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1145
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1146
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1147
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1148
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1149
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1150
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1151
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1152
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1153
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1154
the division. 1155

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1156

pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1157
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1158
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1159
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 1160
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1161
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1162
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1163
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1164
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1165
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1166
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1167
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1168
court of common pleas. 1169

(K) In Butler county: 1170

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1171
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1172
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1173
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1174
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1175
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1176
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1177
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1178
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1179
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1180
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1181
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1182
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1183
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1184
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1185
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1186
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1187

cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1188
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1189
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1190
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1191
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1192
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1193
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1194
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1195
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1196
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1197
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1198
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1199
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1200
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1201
division. 1202

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1203
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1204
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1205
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1206
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1207
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1208
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1209
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1210
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1211
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1212

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1213
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1214
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1215
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1216
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1217
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1218

division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1219
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1220
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1221
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1222
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1223
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1224
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1225
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1226
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1227
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1228
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1229
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1230
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1231
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1232
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1233
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1234
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1235
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1236
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1237
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1238
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1239
various duties. 1240

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1241
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1242
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1243
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1244
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1245
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1246
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1247
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1248
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1249

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

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 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 Cuyahoga 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 all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason.

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county: 1279

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1280
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1281
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1282
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1283
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1284
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1285
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1286
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1287
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1288
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1289
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1290
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1291
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1292
division. 1293

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1294
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1295
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1296
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1297
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1298
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1299
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1300
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1301
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1302
division, who request the services. 1303

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1304
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1305
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1306
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1307
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1308

judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1309
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1310
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1311
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1312
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1313
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1314
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1315
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1316
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1317
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1318
the judge's various duties. 1319

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1320
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1321
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1322
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1323
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1324
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1325
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1326
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1327
request the services. 1328

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1329
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1330
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1331
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1332
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1333
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1334

(N) In Erie county: 1335

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1336
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1337
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1338

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1339
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1340
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1341
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1342
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1343
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1344
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1345
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1346
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1347
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1348
other judge. 1349

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1350
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1351
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1352
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1353
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1354
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1355
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1356

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1357
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1358
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1359
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1360
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1361
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1362
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1363
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1364
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1365
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1366
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1367
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1368

(0) In Greene county: 1369

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1370
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1371
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1372
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1373
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1374
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1375
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1376
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1377
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1378
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1379
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1380
court of common pleas. 1381

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1382
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1383
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1384
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1385
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1386
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1387
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1388
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1389
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1390
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1391
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1392
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1393
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1394
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1395
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1396
general division of the court of common pleas. 1397

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1398

begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1399
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1400
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1401
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1402
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1403
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1404
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1405
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1406
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1407
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1408
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1409
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1410
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1411
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1412
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1413
the judge's various duties. 1414

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1415
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1416
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1417
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1418
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1419
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1420
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1421
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1422
request the services. 1423

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1424
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1425
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1426
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1427
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1428
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1429

division. 1430

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1431
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1432
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1433
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1434
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1435
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1436
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1437
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1438
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1439
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1440
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1441
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1442
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1443
domestic relations division. 1444

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1445
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1446
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1447
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1448
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1449
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1450
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1451
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1452
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1453
division, who request the services. 1454

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1455
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1456
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1457
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1458
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1459

be 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 coming before the court, except in cases that 1463
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1464
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1465
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1466
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1467
domestic relations division. 1468

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1469
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1470
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1471
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1472
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1473
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1474
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1475
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1476
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1477
division, who request the services. 1478

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1479
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1480
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1481
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1482
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1483
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1484
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1485
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1486
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1487
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1488
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1489
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1490

employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1491
domestic relations division. 1492

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1493
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1494
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1495
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1496
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1497
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1498
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1499
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1500
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1501
division, who request the services. 1502

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1503
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1504
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1505
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1506
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1507
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1508
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1509
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1510
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1511
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1512
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1513
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1514
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1515
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1516
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1517
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1518
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1519
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1520
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1521

employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1522

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1523
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1524
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1525
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1526
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1527
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1528
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1529
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1530
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1531
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1532
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1533
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1534
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1535
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1536
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1537
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1538

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1539
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1540
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1541
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1542
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1543
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1544
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1545
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1546
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1547
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1548
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1549
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1550
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1551
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1552

cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1553
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1554
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1555
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1556
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1557

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1558
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1559
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1560
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1561
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1562
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1563
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1564
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1565
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1566
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1567
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1568
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1569
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1570
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1571
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1572

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1573
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1574
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1575
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1576
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1577
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1578
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1579
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1580
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1581
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1582
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1583

of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1584
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1585
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1586
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1587
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1588
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1589
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1590
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1591

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1592
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1593
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1594
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1595
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1596
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1597
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1598
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1599
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1600
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1601
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1602
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1603
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1604
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1605
pending in the division, who request the services. 1606

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1607
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1608
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1609
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1610
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1611
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1612
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1613
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1614

and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1615
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1616
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1617
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1618
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1619
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1620
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1621
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1622
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1623
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1624
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1625
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1626
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1627
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1628
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1629
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1630
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1631
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1632
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1633
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1634
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1635
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1636
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1637
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1638
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1639
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1640

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1641
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1642
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1643
personnel of the division. 1644

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1645

allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1646
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1647
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1648
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1649
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1650
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1651
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1652
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1653
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1654
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1655
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1656
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1657
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1658
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1659
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1660
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1661
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1662
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1663
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1664
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1665
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1666
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1667
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1668
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1669
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1670
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1671
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1672
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1673
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1674
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1675
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1676

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1677
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1678
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1679
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1680
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1681
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1682
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1683
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1684
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1685
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1686
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1687
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1688
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1689
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1690
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1691
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1692
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1693
and the judges of the general division. 1694

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1695
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1696
children services board and the county advisory board. 1697

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1698
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1699
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1700
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1701
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1702
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1703
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1704
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1705
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1706
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1707

shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1708
domestic relations of that court. 1709

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1710
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1711
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1712
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1713
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1714
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1715
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1716
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1717
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1718
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1719
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1720
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1721
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1722
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1723
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1724
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1725
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1726
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1727
the personnel of the division. 1728

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1729
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1730
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1731
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1732
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1733
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1734
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1735
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1736
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1737
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1738

for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1739
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1740
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1741
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1742
pending in the division, who request the services. 1743

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1744
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1745
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1746
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1747
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1748
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1749
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1750
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1751
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1752
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1753
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1754
duties. 1755

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1756
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1757
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1758
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1759
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1760
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1761
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1762
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1763
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1764
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1765
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1766
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1767
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1768
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1769

for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1770
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1771
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1772
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1773
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1774
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1775
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1776
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1777
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1778
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1779
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1780
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1781
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1782
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1783
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1784
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1785
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1786
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1787
(Z) (1) of this section. 1788

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1789
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1790
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1791
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1792
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1793
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1794
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1795
pleas of Marion county. 1796

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1797
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1798
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1799
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1800

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

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

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

personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1832
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1833
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1834
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1835
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1836
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1837
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1838
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1839
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1840
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1841
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1842
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1843

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1844
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1845
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1846
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1847
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1848
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1849
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1850
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1851
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1852
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1853
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1854
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1855
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1856
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1857
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1858
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1859
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1860
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1861
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1862

the court of common pleas. 1863

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1864
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1865
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1866
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1867
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1868
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1869
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1870
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1871
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1872
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1873
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1874
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1875
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1876
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1877
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1878
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1879
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1880
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1881
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1882
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1883
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1884
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1885
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1886
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1887
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1888
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1889
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1890
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1891
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1892
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1893

that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1894
section. 1895

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1896
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1897
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1898
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1899
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1900
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1901
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1902

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1903
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1904
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1905
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1906
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1907
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1908
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1909
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1910
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1911
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1912
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1913
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1914

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1915
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1916
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1917
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1918
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1919
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1920
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1921
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1922
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1923

specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1924
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1925
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1926
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1927
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1928
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1929
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1930
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1931
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1932
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1933
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1934
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1935
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1936
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1937
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1938
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1939
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1940
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1941
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1942
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1943
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1944
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1945
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1946
section. 1947

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1948
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1949
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1950
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1951
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1952
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1953
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1954

in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1955
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1956
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1957
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1958
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1959
probate division. 1960

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1961
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1962
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1963
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1964
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1965
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1966
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1967
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1968
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1969
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1970
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1971
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1972
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1973
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1974
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1975
of common pleas. 1976

(FF) In Hardin county: 1977

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1978
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1979
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1980
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1981
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1982
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1983
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1984

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1985
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1986
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1987
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1988
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1989
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1990
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1991
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1992
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1993
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1994
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1995
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1996
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1997
the court of common pleas. 1998

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1999
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 2000
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 2001
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 2002
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 2003
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 2004
provisions, of the Revised Code. 2005

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2006
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2007
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2008
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 2009
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 2010
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 2011
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 2012
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 2013
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2014

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.123, 1901.34, 2015
1907.143, 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are 2016
hereby repealed. 2017

Section 3. Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is 2018
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 2019
by both H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. The 2020
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 2021
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 2022
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 2023
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 2024
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 2025
presented in this act. 2026

Section 4. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2027
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2028
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 2029
reduce the present burden on chief legal officers in East 2030
Liverpool, Liverpool township, and St. Clair township. 2031
Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 2032