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**A BILL**

To amend sections 149.43, 149.45, 319.28, 2101.024,	1
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to include	2
judges and magistrates as individuals whose	3
residential and familial information is exempt	4
from disclosure under the Public Records Law,	5
and whose addresses public offices, upon	6
request, must redact from records available to	7
the general public on the internet; to allow	8
spouses whose residential and familial	9
information is not a public record to, under an	10
existing procedure, remove their names from the	11
county auditor's public internet records and the	12
general tax list and duplicate, and to instead	13
insert their initials; to change the name of the	14
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division"	15
of the Logan County Court of Common Pleas to the	16
"family court division"; to specify the	17
administrative judge of the family court	18
division is the clerk of the family court	19

division; and to remove the requirement that the 20  
common pleas court clerk keep all of the 21  
journals, records, books, papers, and files 22  
pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 23

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

**Section 1.** That sections 149.43, 149.45, 319.28, 2101.024, 24  
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 25

**Sec. 149.43.** (A) As used in this section: 26

(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public 27  
office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, 28  
village, township, and school district units, and records 29  
pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an 30  
alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for- 31  
profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to 32  
section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not 33  
mean any of the following: 34

(a) Medical records; 35

(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings 36  
or to proceedings related to the imposition of community control 37  
sanctions and post-release control sanctions; 38

(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 39  
and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to 40  
appeals of actions arising under those sections; 41

(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including 42  
the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of 43  
health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code; 44

(e) Information in a record contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;

(f) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;

(g) Trial preparation records;

(h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;

(i) Records containing information that is confidential under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;

(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 of the Revised Code;

(k) Inmate records released by the department of rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;

(l) Records maintained by the department of youth services pertaining to children in its custody released by the department of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;

(m) Intellectual property records;

(n) Donor profile records;

(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;

(p) ~~Peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~

~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 72  
~~correctional employee, community-based correctional facility~~ 73  
~~employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 74  
~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 75  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ Designated 76  
public service worker residential and familial information; 77

(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to 78  
Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital 79  
operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code, 80  
information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in 81  
section 1333.61 of the Revised Code; 82

(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities 83  
of a person under the age of eighteen; 84

(s) In the case of a child fatality review board acting 85  
under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code or a 86  
review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the 87  
director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, 88  
records provided to the board or director, statements made by 89  
board members during meetings of the board or by persons 90  
participating in the director's review, and all work products of 91  
the board or director, and in the case of a child fatality 92  
review board, child fatality review data submitted by the board 93  
to the department of health or a national child death review 94  
database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division 95  
(A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code; 96

(t) Records provided to and statements made by the 97  
executive director of a public children services agency or a 98  
prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the 99  
Revised Code other than the information released under that 100  
section; 101

(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used 102  
in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator 103  
that the board of executives of long-term services and supports 104  
administers under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code or 105  
contracts under that section with a private or government entity 106  
to administer; 107

(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or 108  
federal law; 109

(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person 110  
that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital 111  
authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code; 112

(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for 113  
any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the 114  
controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or 115  
accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and 116  
information that identifies any individual who benefits directly 117  
or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency; 118

(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code; 119

(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under 120  
section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B) 121  
(2) of that section; 122

(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of 123  
specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally 124  
owned or operated public utility; 125

(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04 126  
of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available 127  
to the public as provided in that division; 128

(cc) Information and records that are made confidential, 129

privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B) 130  
and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code; 131

(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of 132  
the Revised Code; 133

(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally 134  
identifiable information of a program participant in the address 135  
confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to 136  
111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any 137  
application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot 138  
identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional 139  
ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a 140  
confidential voter registration record, and records or portions 141  
of records pertaining to that program that identify the number 142  
of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward, 143  
township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic 144  
area smaller than the state. As used in this division, 145  
"confidential address" and "program participant" have the 146  
meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code. 147

(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual 148  
serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the 149  
United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio 150  
organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public 151  
record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date 152  
or effective date of the call to order. 153

(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record" 154  
means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a 155  
criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but 156  
only to the extent that the release of the record would create a 157  
high probability of disclosure of any of the following: 158

(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged 159  
with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an 160  
information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been 161  
reasonably promised; 162

(b) Information provided by an information source or 163  
witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised, 164  
which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's 165  
or witness's identity; 166

(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or 167  
procedures or specific investigatory work product; 168

(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical 169  
safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness, 170  
or a confidential information source. 171

(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of 172  
documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to 173  
or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical 174  
history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient 175  
and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical 176  
treatment. 177

(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that 178  
contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable 179  
anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or 180  
proceeding, including the independent thought processes and 181  
personal trial preparation of an attorney. 182

(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other 183  
than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or 184  
collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of 185  
higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or 186  
research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic, 187

technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study 188  
or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in 189  
conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and 190  
that has not been publicly released, published, or patented. 191

(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors 192  
or potential donors to a public institution of higher education 193  
except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and 194  
the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation. 195

(7) "~~Peace~~ Designated public service worker" means a peace 196  
officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting 197  
attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, 198  
community-based correctional facility employee, youth services 199  
employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of 200  
criminal identification and investigation, judge, magistrate, or 201  
federal law enforcement officer. 202

(8) "Designated public service worker residential and 203  
familial information" means any information that discloses any 204  
of the following about a ~~peace officer, parole officer,~~ 205  
~~probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant~~ 206  
~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based~~ 207  
~~correctional facility employee, youth services employee,~~ 208  
~~firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 209  
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 210  
~~officer~~ designated public service worker: 211

(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a 212  
~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 213  
~~assistant~~ designated public service worker, except for the 214  
following information: 215

(i) The address of the actual personal residence of a 216



prosecuting attorney, ~~correctional employee, community based~~ 217  
~~correctional facility employee, youth services employee,~~ 218  
~~firefighter, EMT, an investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 219  
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 220  
~~officer, except for the or judge; and~~ 221

(ii) The state or political subdivision in which the peace- 222  
~~officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, assistant~~ 223  
~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community based~~ 224  
~~correctional facility employee, youth services employee,~~ 225  
~~firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 226  
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 227  
~~officer a designated public service worker resides.~~ 228

(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation 229  
in an employee assistance program; 230

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone 231  
number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit 232  
card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any 233  
medical information pertaining to, a ~~peace officer, parole~~ 234  
~~officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,~~ 235  
~~assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,~~ 236  
~~community based correctional facility employee, youth services~~ 237  
~~employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of~~ 238  
~~criminal identification and investigation, or federal law~~ 239  
~~enforcement officer designated public service worker;~~ 240

(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits, 241  
including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided 242  
to a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 243  
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 244  
~~correctional employee, community based correctional facility~~ 245  
~~employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 246

~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 247  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 248  
~~public service worker by the peace officer's, parole officer's,~~ 249  
~~probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's,~~ 250  
~~assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's,~~ 251  
~~community based correctional facility employee's, youth services~~ 252  
~~employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of~~ 253  
~~criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law~~ 254  
~~enforcement officer's designated public service worker's~~ 255  
employer; 256

(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or 257  
employment benefit deduction made by the ~~peace officer's, parole~~ 258  
~~officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting~~ 259  
~~attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional~~ 260  
~~employee's, community based correctional facility employee's,~~ 261  
~~youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of~~ 262  
~~the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's, or~~ 263  
~~federal law enforcement officer's designated public service~~ 264  
~~worker's employer from the peace officer's, parole officer's,~~ 265  
~~probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's,~~ 266  
~~assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's,~~ 267  
~~community based correctional facility employee's, youth services~~ 268  
~~employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of~~ 269  
~~criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law~~ 270  
~~enforcement officer's designated public service worker's~~ 271  
compensation, unless the amount of the deduction is required by 272  
state or federal law; 273

(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the 274  
employer, the address of the employer, the social security 275  
number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, 276  
debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency 277

telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of 278  
~~a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 279  
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 280  
~~correctional employee, community-based correctional facility~~ 281  
~~employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 282  
~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 283  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ designated 284  
public service worker; 285

(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position 286  
or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain 287  
clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace 288  
officer's appointing authority. 289

(9) As used in divisions ~~division~~ (A) (7) ~~and (B) (9) of~~ 290  
this section, ~~"peace~~ : 291

"Peace officer" has the ~~same~~ meaning as defined in section 292  
109.71 of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent 293  
and troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include 294  
the sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the 295  
absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise 296  
the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff. 297

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 298  
~~"correctional~~ "Correctional employee" means any employee of the 299  
department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of 300  
performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with 301  
inmates and persons under supervision. 302

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 303  
~~"youth~~ "Youth services employee" means any employee of the 304  
department of youth services who in the course of performing the 305  
employee's job duties has or has had contact with children 306

committed to the custody of the department of youth services. 307

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 308  
~~"firefighter"~~ "Firefighter" means any regular, paid or 309  
volunteer, member of a lawfully constituted fire department of a 310  
municipal corporation, township, fire district, or village. 311

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 312  
"EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that provide 313  
emergency medical services for a public emergency medical 314  
service organization. "Emergency medical service organization," 315  
"EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the ~~same~~ meanings as 316  
defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. 317

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 318  
~~"investigator"~~ "Investigator" of the bureau of criminal 319  
identification and investigation" has the meaning defined in 320  
section 2903.11 of the Revised Code. 321

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 322  
~~"federal"~~ "Federal law enforcement officer" has the meaning 323  
defined in section 9.88 of the Revised Code. 324

~~(8)-(10)~~ "Information pertaining to the recreational 325  
activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means 326  
information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a 327  
public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a 328  
person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any 329  
of the following: 330

(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the 331  
age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that 332  
person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact 333  
person; 334

(b) The social security number, birth date, or 335

photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen; 336

(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining 337  
to a person under the age of eighteen; 338

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a 339  
person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing 340  
that person to participate in any recreational activity 341  
conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain 342  
admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or 343  
operated by a public office. 344

~~(9)~~ ~~(11)~~ "Community control sanction" has the ~~same~~ meaning 345  
~~as defined~~ in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 346

~~(10)~~ ~~(12)~~ "Post-release control sanction" has the ~~same~~ 347  
meaning ~~as defined~~ in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 348

~~(11)~~ ~~(13)~~ "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any 349  
information that is exempt from the duty to permit public 350  
inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the 351  
definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code. 352

~~(12)~~ ~~(14)~~ "Designee" and "elected official" have the ~~same~~ 353  
meanings ~~as defined~~ in section 109.43 of the Revised Code. 354

(B) (1) Upon request and subject to division (B) (8) of this 355  
section, all public records responsive to the request shall be 356  
promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any 357  
person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. 358  
Subject to division (B) (8) of this section, upon request by any 359  
person, a public office or person responsible for public records 360  
shall make copies of the requested public record available to 361  
the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If 362  
a public record contains information that is exempt from the 363  
duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record, 364

the public office or the person responsible for the public 365  
record shall make available all of the information within the 366  
public record that is not exempt. When making that public record 367  
available for public inspection or copying that public record, 368  
the public office or the person responsible for the public 369  
record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the 370  
redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial 371  
of a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except 372  
if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office 373  
to make the redaction. 374

(2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a 375  
public office or the person responsible for public records shall 376  
organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can 377  
be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with 378  
division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have 379  
available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a 380  
location readily available to the public. If a requester makes 381  
an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making 382  
a request for copies or inspection of public records under this 383  
section such that the public office or the person responsible 384  
for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what 385  
public records are being requested, the public office or the 386  
person responsible for the requested public record may deny the 387  
request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to 388  
revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in 389  
which records are maintained by the public office and accessed 390  
in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's 391  
duties. 392

(3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in 393  
whole, the public office or the person responsible for the 394  
requested public record shall provide the requester with an 395

explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the 396  
request was denied. If the initial request was provided in 397  
writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester 398  
in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office 399  
or the person responsible for the requested public record from 400  
relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending 401  
an action commenced under division (C) of this section. 402

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or 403  
federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, 404  
no public office or person responsible for public records may 405  
limit or condition the availability of public records by 406  
requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended 407  
use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the 408  
requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use 409  
of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the 410  
request. 411

(5) A public office or person responsible for public 412  
records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may 413  
ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the 414  
intended use of the information requested, but may do so only 415  
after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not 416  
mandatory and that the requester may decline to reveal the 417  
requester's identity or the intended use and when a written 418  
request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would 419  
benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public 420  
office or person responsible for public records to identify, 421  
locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester. 422

(6) If any person ~~chooses to obtain requests~~ a copy of a 423  
public record in accordance with division (B) of this section, 424  
the public office or person responsible for the public record 425

may require that person to pay in advance the cost involved in 426  
providing the copy of the public record in accordance with the 427  
choice made by the person ~~seeking~~requesting the copy under this 428  
division. The public office or the person responsible for the 429  
public record shall permit that person to choose to have the 430  
public record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon 431  
which the public office or person responsible for the public 432  
record keeps it, or upon any other medium upon which the public 433  
office or person responsible for the public record determines 434  
that it reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the 435  
normal operations of the public office or person responsible for 436  
the public record. When the person ~~seeking~~requesting the copy 437  
makes a choice under this division, the public office or person 438  
responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in 439  
accordance with the choice made by ~~the~~that person ~~seeking the~~ 440  
~~copy~~. Nothing in this section requires a public office or person 441  
responsible for the public record to allow the person ~~seeking~~ 442  
requesting a copy of the public record to make the copies of the 443  
public record. 444

(7) (a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) 445  
of this section and subject to division (B) (6) of this section, 446  
a public office or person responsible for public records shall 447  
transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United 448  
States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission 449  
within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request 450  
for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the 451  
public record may require the person making the request to pay 452  
in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by 453  
United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is 454  
transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in 455  
advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the 456



mailing, delivery, or transmission. 457

(b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures 458  
that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period 459  
of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by 460  
United States mail or by any other means of delivery or 461  
transmission pursuant to division (B) (7) of this section. A 462  
public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division 463  
(B) (7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its 464  
duties under that division. 465

(c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division 466  
(B) (7) of this section: 467

(i) A public office may limit the number of records 468  
requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by 469  
United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per 470  
month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that 471  
the person does not intend to use or forward the requested 472  
records, or the information contained in them, for commercial 473  
purposes; 474

(ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all 475  
of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to 476  
and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than 477  
during acts of God outside the public office's control or 478  
maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access, 479  
download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site, 480  
may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a 481  
person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless 482  
the requested records are not provided on the web site and 483  
unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the 484  
person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, 485  
or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes. 486

(iii) For purposes of division (B) (7) of this section, 487  
"commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include 488  
reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information 489  
to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or 490  
activities of government, or nonprofit educational research. 491

(8) A public office or person responsible for public 492  
records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated 493  
pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to 494  
inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a 495  
criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would 496  
be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the 497  
investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request 498  
to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose 499  
of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public 500  
record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence 501  
or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the 502  
judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought 503  
in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be 504  
a justiciable claim of the person. 505

(9) (a) Upon written request made and signed by a 506  
~~journalist on or after December 16, 1999,~~ a public office, or 507  
person responsible for public records, having custody of the 508  
records of the agency employing a specified ~~peace officer,~~ 509  
~~parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting~~ 510  
~~attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,~~ 511  
~~community-based correctional facility employee, youth services~~ 512  
~~employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of~~ 513  
~~criminal identification and investigation, or federal law~~ 514  
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker shall 515  
disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal 516  
residence of the ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation~~ 517

~~officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting~~ 518  
~~attorney, correctional employee, community-based correctional~~ 519  
~~facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 520  
~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 521  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 522  
~~public service worker and, if the ~~peace officer's, parole~~~~ 523  
~~~~officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting~~~~ 524  
~~~~attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional~~~~ 525  
~~~~employee's, community-based correctional facility employee's,~~~~ 526  
~~~~youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of~~~~ 527  
~~~~the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's, or~~~~ 528  
~~~~federal law enforcement officer's designated public service~~~~ 529  
~~~~worker's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by a public~~~~ 530  
~~~~office, the name and address of the employer of the ~~peace~~~~~~ 531  
~~~~~~officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's,~~~~~~ 532  
~~~~~~prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's,~~~~~~ 533  
~~~~~~correctional employee's, community-based correctional facility~~~~~~ 534  
~~~~~~employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's,~~~~~~ 535  
~~~~~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~~~~~ 536  
~~~~~~investigation's, or federal law enforcement officer's designated~~~~~~ 537  
~~~~~~public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child. The~~~~~~ 538  
request shall include the journalist's name and title and the 539  
name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state 540  
that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public 541  
interest. 542

(b) Division (B) (9) (a) of this section also applies to 543  
journalist requests for customer information maintained by a 544  
municipally owned or operated public utility, other than social 545  
security numbers and any private financial information such as 546  
credit reports, payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank 547  
account information. 548

(c) As used in division (B) (9) of this section, 549  
"journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or 550  
employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, 551  
press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or 552  
television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of 553  
gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or 554  
disseminating information for the general public. 555

(C) (1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure 556  
of a public office or the person responsible for public records 557  
to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to 558  
the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of 559  
this section or by any other failure of a public office or the 560  
person responsible for public records to comply with an 561  
obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the 562  
person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and 563  
not both: 564

(a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims 565  
or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75 566  
of the Revised Code; 567

(b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that 568  
orders the public office or the person responsible for the 569  
public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that 570  
awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person 571  
that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that 572  
includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C) (2) 573  
of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the 574  
court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of 575  
this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme 576  
court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of 577  
Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for 578

the appellate district in which division (B) of this section 579  
allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original 580  
jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution. 581

(2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand 582  
delivery or certified mail to inspect or receive copies of any 583  
public record in a manner that fairly describes the public 584  
record or class of public records to the public office or person 585  
responsible for the requested public records, except as 586  
otherwise provided in this section, the requester shall be 587  
entitled to recover the amount of statutory damages set forth in 588  
this division if a court determines that the public office or 589  
the person responsible for public records failed to comply with 590  
an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section. 591

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one 592  
hundred dollars for each business day during which the public 593  
office or person responsible for the requested public records 594  
failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 595  
(B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the 596  
requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, 597  
up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory 598  
damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation 599  
for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. 600  
The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The 601  
award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other 602  
remedies authorized by this section. 603

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not 604  
award statutory damages if the court determines both of the 605  
following: 606

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 607  
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 608

threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 609  
for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 610  
failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 611  
(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 612  
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 613  
the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 614  
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 615  
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute 616  
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with 617  
division (B) of this section; 618

(b) That a well-informed public office or person 619  
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would 620  
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public 621  
office or person responsible for the requested public records 622  
would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that 623  
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 624

(3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C) (1) of 625  
this section, the following apply: 626

(a) (i) If the court orders the public office or the person 627  
responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of 628  
this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator 629  
all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not 630  
punitive. 631

(ii) If the court makes a determination described in 632  
division (C) (3) (b) (iii) of this section, the court shall 633  
determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall 634  
be construed as remedial and not punitive. 635

(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public 636  
office or the person responsible for the public record to comply 637

with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any 638  
of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees 639  
to the relator, subject to ~~the provisions of~~ division (C) (4) of 640  
this section: 641

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the 642  
public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to 643  
the public records request in accordance with the time allowed 644  
under division (B) of this section. 645

(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the 646  
public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or 647  
receive copies of the public records requested within a 648  
specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise 649  
within that specified period of time. 650

(iii) The public office or the person responsible for the 651  
public records acted in bad faith when the office or person 652  
voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for 653  
the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action, 654  
but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not 655  
the public office or person was required to comply with division 656  
(B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue 657  
of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person 658  
responsible for the public records. This division shall not be 659  
construed as creating a presumption that the public office or 660  
the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith 661  
when the office or person voluntarily made the public records 662  
available to the relator for the first time after the relator 663  
commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any 664  
order described in this division. 665

(c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the 666  
relator if the court determines both of the following: 667

(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 668  
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 669  
threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 670  
for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 671  
failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 672  
(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 673  
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 674  
the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 675  
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 676  
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute 677  
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with 678  
division (B) of this section; 679

(ii) That a well-informed public office or person 680  
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would 681  
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public 682  
office or person responsible for the requested public records 683  
would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that 684  
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 685

(4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable 686  
attorney's fees awarded under division (C) (3) (b) of this 687  
section: 688

(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not 689  
punitive. 690

(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the 691  
reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was 692  
made available to the relator and the fees described in division 693  
(C) (4) (c) of this section. 694

(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable 695  
fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount 696



of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees. 697

(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the 698  
court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved 699  
with the specific public records request, an alternative means 700  
should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently 701  
resolve the dispute that was subject to the mandamus action 702  
filed under division (C) (1) of this section. 703

(5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under 704  
division (C) of this section and the court determines at that 705  
time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous 706  
conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the 707  
Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court 708  
costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined 709  
by the court. 710

(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the 711  
provisions of this section. 712

(E) (1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are 713  
appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under 714  
division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their 715  
appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the 716  
attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised 717  
Code. In addition, all public offices shall adopt a public 718  
records policy in compliance with this section for responding to 719  
public records requests. In adopting a public records policy 720  
under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from 721  
the model public records policy developed and provided to the 722  
public office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of 723  
the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 724  
the policy may not limit the number of public records that the 725  
public office will make available to a single person, may not 726

limit the number of public records that it will make available 727  
during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed 728  
period of time before it will respond to a request for 729  
inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is 730  
less than eight hours. 731

(2) The public office shall distribute the public records 732  
policy adopted by the public office under division (E)(1) of 733  
this section to the employee of the public office who is the 734  
records custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of 735  
the records of that office. The public office shall require that 736  
employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public 737  
records policy. The public office shall create a poster that 738  
describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in 739  
a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations 740  
where the public office has branch offices. The public office 741  
may post its public records policy on the internet web site of 742  
the public office if the public office maintains an internet web 743  
site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook 744  
of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the 745  
public office shall include the public records policy of the 746  
public office in the manual or handbook. 747

(F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules 748  
pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit 749  
the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made 750  
by a person for the same records or for updated records during a 751  
calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to 752  
be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the 753  
actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus 754  
ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting 755  
information, the release of which is prohibited by law. 756

(2) As used in division (F)(1) of this section: 757

(a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies, 758  
records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative 759  
delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct 760  
equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual 761  
costs paid to private contractors for copying services. 762

(b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a 763  
request for copies of a record for information in a format other 764  
than the format already available, or information that cannot be 765  
extracted without examination of all items in a records series, 766  
class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or 767  
forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or 768  
resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special 769  
extraction request" does not include a request by a person who 770  
gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request 771  
does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for 772  
surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial 773  
purposes. 774

(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying, 775  
or selling of any good, service, or other product. 776

(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time 777  
spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task, 778  
the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed 779  
by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer 780  
programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction 781  
costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer 782  
or records services. 783

(3) For purposes of divisions (F)(1) and (2) of this 784  
section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for 785

commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not 786  
include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering 787  
information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the 788  
operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational 789  
research. 790

(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or 791  
any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public 792  
records related to that action be made available under this 793  
section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to 794  
the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules 795  
plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of 796  
the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under 797  
this division shall serve a copy of the request on the 798  
prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal 799  
officer responsible for prosecuting the action. 800

**Sec. 149.45.** (A) As used in this section: 801

(1) "Personal information" means any of the following: 802

(a) An individual's social security number; 803

(b) An individual's state or federal tax identification 804  
number; 805

(c) An individual's driver's license number or state 806  
identification number; 807

(d) An individual's checking account number, savings 808  
account number, credit card number, or debit card number; 809

(e) An individual's demand deposit account number, money 810  
market account number, mutual fund account number, or any other 811  
financial or medical account number. 812

(2) "Public record," "designated public service worker," 813

and "~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 814  
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 815  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 816  
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 817  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ designated 818  
public service worker residential and familial information" have 819  
the ~~same~~ meanings as defined in section 149.43 of the Revised 820  
Code. 821

(3) "Truncate" means to redact all but the last four 822  
digits of an individual's social security number. 823

(B) (1) No public office or person responsible for a public 824  
office's public records shall make available to the general 825  
public on the internet any document that contains an 826  
individual's social security number without otherwise redacting, 827  
encrypting, or truncating the social security number. 828

(2) A public office or person responsible for a public 829  
office's public records that, prior to October 17, 2011, made 830  
available to the general public on the internet any document 831  
that contains an individual's social security number shall 832  
redact, encrypt, or truncate the social security number from 833  
that document. 834

(3) Divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 835  
to documents that are only accessible through the internet with 836  
a password. 837

(C) (1) An individual may request that a public office or a 838  
person responsible for a public office's public records redact 839  
personal information of that individual from any record made 840  
available to the general public on the internet. An individual 841  
who makes a request for redaction pursuant to this division 842

shall make the request in writing on a form developed by the 843  
attorney general and shall specify the personal information to 844  
be redacted and provide any information that identifies the 845  
location of that personal information within a document that 846  
contains that personal information. 847

(2) Upon receiving a request for a redaction pursuant to 848  
division (C)(1) of this section, a public office or a person 849  
responsible for a public office's public records shall act 850  
within five business days in accordance with the request to 851  
redact the personal information of the individual from any 852  
record made available to the general public on the internet, if 853  
practicable. If a redaction is not practicable, the public 854  
office or person responsible for the public office's public 855  
records shall verbally or in writing within five business days 856  
after receiving the written request explain to the individual 857  
why the redaction is impracticable. 858

(3) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used 859  
by an individual to request a redaction pursuant to division (C) 860  
(1) of this section. The form shall include a place to provide 861  
any information that identifies the location of the personal 862  
information to be redacted. 863

(D) (1) A ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 864  
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 865  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 866  
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 867  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 868  
public service worker may request that a public office, other 869  
than a county auditor, or a person responsible for the public 870  
records of a public office, other than a county auditor, redact 871  
the designated public service worker's address ~~of the person~~ 872

making the request from any record made available to the general 873  
public on the internet that includes ~~peace officer, parole-~~ 874  
~~officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,~~ 875  
~~assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth-~~ 876  
~~services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau-~~ 877  
~~of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law-~~ 878  
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker residential 879  
and familial information of the ~~person~~ designated public service 880  
worker making the request. A ~~person~~ designated public service 881  
worker who makes a request for a redaction pursuant to this 882  
division shall make the request in writing and on a form 883  
developed by the attorney general. 884

(2) Upon receiving a written request for a redaction 885  
pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section, a public office, 886  
other than a county auditor, or a person responsible for the 887  
public records of a public office, other than a county auditor, 888  
shall act within five business days in accordance with the 889  
request to redact the address of the ~~peace officer, parole-~~ 890  
~~officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,~~ 891  
~~assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth-~~ 892  
~~services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau-~~ 893  
~~of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law-~~ 894  
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker making the 895  
request from any record made available to the general public on 896  
the internet that includes ~~peace officer, parole officer,~~ 897  
~~probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant-~~ 898  
~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth services-~~ 899  
~~employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of-~~ 900  
~~criminal identification and investigation, or federal law-~~ 901  
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker residential 902  
and familial information of the ~~person~~ designated public service 903

worker making the request, if practicable. If a redaction is not 904  
practicable, the public office or person responsible for the 905  
public office's public records shall verbally or in writing 906  
within five business days after receiving the written request 907  
explain to the ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 908  
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 909  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 910  
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 911  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 912  
public service worker why the redaction is impracticable. 913

(3) Except as provided in this section and section 319.28 914  
of the Revised Code, a public office, other than an employer of 915  
a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 916  
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 917  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 918  
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 919  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 920  
public service worker, or a person responsible for the public 921  
records of the employer, is not required to redact the 922  
designated public service worker residential and familial 923  
information of the ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation~~ 924  
~~officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting~~ 925  
~~attorney, correctional employee, youth services employee,~~ 926  
~~firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 927  
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 928  
~~officer~~ designated public service worker from other records 929  
maintained by the public office. 930

(4) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used 931  
by a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 932  
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 933  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 934



~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 935  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 936  
~~public service worker~~ to request a redaction pursuant to 937  
division (D) (1) of this section. The form shall include a place 938  
to provide any information that identifies the location of the 939  
address of a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 940  
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 941  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 942  
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 943  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer the designated~~ 944  
~~public service worker~~ to be redacted. 945

(E) (1) If a public office or a person responsible for a 946  
public office's public records becomes aware that an electronic 947  
record of that public office that is made available to the 948  
general public on the internet contains an individual's social 949  
security number that was mistakenly not redacted, encrypted, or 950  
truncated as required by division (B) (1) or (2) of this section, 951  
the public office or person responsible for the public office's 952  
public records shall redact, encrypt, or truncate the 953  
individual's social security number within a reasonable period 954  
of time. 955

(2) A public office or a person responsible for a public 956  
office's public records is not liable in damages in a civil 957  
action for any harm an individual allegedly sustains as a result 958  
of the inclusion of that individual's personal information on 959  
any record made available to the general public on the internet 960  
or any harm a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 961  
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 962  
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 963  
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 964  
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 965

public service worker sustains as a result of the inclusion of 966  
the designated public service worker's address of the peace 967  
~~officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting~~ 968  
~~attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,~~ 969  
~~youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the~~ 970  
~~bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or federal~~ 971  
~~law enforcement officer~~ on any record made available to the 972  
general public on the internet in violation of this section, 973  
unless the public office or person responsible for the public 974  
office's public records acted with malicious purpose, in bad 975  
faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner or unless division (A) 976  
(6) (a) or (c) of section 2744.03 of the Revised Code applies. 977

**Sec. 319.28.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 978  
(B) of this section, on or before the first Monday of August, 979  
annually, the county auditor shall compile and make up a general 980  
tax list of real and public utility property in the county, 981  
either in tabular form and alphabetical order, or, with the 982  
consent of the county treasurer, by listing all parcels in a 983  
permanent parcel number sequence to which a separate 984  
alphabetical index is keyed, containing the names of the several 985  
persons, companies, firms, partnerships, associations, and 986  
corporations in whose names real property has been listed in 987  
each township, municipal corporation, special district, or 988  
separate school district, or part of either in the auditor's 989  
county, placing separately, in appropriate columns opposite each 990  
name, the description of each tract, lot, or parcel of real 991  
estate, the value of each tract, lot, or parcel, the value of 992  
the improvements thereon, and of the names of the several public 993  
utilities whose property, subject to taxation on the general tax 994  
list and duplicate, has been apportioned by the department of 995  
taxation to the county, and the amount so apportioned to each 996

township, municipal corporation, special district, or separate 997  
school district or part of either in the auditor's county, as 998  
shown by the certificates of apportionment of public utility 999  
property. If the name of the owner of any tract, lot, or parcel 1000  
of real estate is unknown to the auditor, "unknown" shall be 1001  
entered in the column of names opposite said tract, lot, or 1002  
parcel. Such lists shall be prepared in duplicate. On or before 1003  
the first Monday of September in each year, the auditor shall 1004  
correct such lists in accordance with the additions and 1005  
deductions ordered by the tax commissioner and by the county 1006  
board of revision, and shall certify and on the first day of 1007  
October deliver one copy thereof to the county treasurer. The 1008  
copies prepared by the auditor shall constitute the auditor's 1009  
general tax list and treasurer's general duplicate of real and 1010  
public utility property for the current year. 1011

Once a permanent parcel numbering system has been 1012  
established in any county as provided by the preceding 1013  
paragraph, such system shall remain in effect until otherwise 1014  
agreed upon by the county auditor and county treasurer. 1015

(B) (1) ~~A person~~ An individual, or the spouse of that 1016  
individual, whose residential and familial information is ~~exempt~~ 1017  
~~from the definition of not a~~ public record under ~~division~~ 1018  
divisions (A) (1) (p) and (A) (7) of section 149.43 of the Revised 1019  
Code may submit ~~a written request by an~~ affidavit to the county 1020  
auditor requesting the county auditor to remove the name of the 1021  
~~person~~ individual filing the affidavit from any record made 1022  
available to the general public on the internet or a publicly 1023  
accessible database, and from the general tax list and duplicate 1024  
of real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of~~ 1025  
~~real and public utility property,~~ and to instead insert the 1026  
individual's initials of the person on any such record ~~made~~ 1027

~~available to the general public on the internet or a publicly-~~ 1028  
~~accessible database,~~ and on the general tax list and duplicate 1029  
of real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of~~ 1030  
~~real and public utility property~~ as the name of the ~~person-~~ 1031  
individual that appears on the deed. 1032

(2) Upon receiving ~~a written request by an~~ affidavit 1033  
described in division (B)(1) of this section, the county auditor 1034  
shall act within five business days in accordance with the 1035  
request to remove the individual's name ~~of the person~~ from any 1036  
record made available to the general public on the internet or a 1037  
publicly accessible database, and from the general tax list and 1038  
duplicate of real and public utility property ~~and the general-~~ 1039  
~~duplicate of real and public utility property~~ and insert the 1040  
individual's initials ~~of the person~~ on any such record ~~made-~~ 1041  
~~available to the general public on the internet or a publicly-~~ 1042  
~~accessible database~~ and on the general tax list and duplicate of 1043  
real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of~~ 1044  
~~real and public utility property~~, if practicable. If the removal 1045  
and insertion is not practicable, the county auditor shall 1046  
verbally or in writing within five business days after receiving 1047  
the ~~written request~~ affidavit explain to the ~~person~~ individual 1048  
why the removal and insertion is impracticable. 1049

**Sec. 2101.024.** Effective January 2, 2005, the probate 1050  
judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county shall have 1051  
all the powers relating to the ~~domestic relations-juvenile-~~ 1052  
~~probate-family court~~ division of the court of common pleas of 1053  
Logan county, as established pursuant to division (CC)(1) of 1054  
section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, and shall exercise 1055  
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the ~~domestic-~~ 1056  
~~relations-juvenile-probate-family court~~ division of the court of 1057  
common pleas of Logan county over matters that are within the 1058

jurisdiction of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family~~  
court division, as set forth in division (CC) (1) of section  
2301.03 of the Revised Code.

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

(B) In Hamilton county:

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms

begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 1089  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1090  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 1091  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1092  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 1093  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 1094  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 1095  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 1096  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 1097  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 1098  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 1099  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 1100  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1101  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 1102  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 1103  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 1104  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 1105  
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 1106  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 1107  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1108  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1109  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 1110  
year. 1111

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 1112  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1113  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1114  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1115  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1116  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1117  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1118  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1119

the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 1120

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1121  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1122  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1123  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1124  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1125  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 1126  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1127  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1128  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 1129  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 1130  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 1131

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 1132  
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 1133  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 1134  
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 1135  
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 1136  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1137  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1138  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 1139  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 1140  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 1141  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 1142  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 1143  
division of domestic relations. 1144

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 1145  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 1146  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 1147  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 1148  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 1149

relations. 1150

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1151  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 1152  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 1153  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 1154  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 1155  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 1156  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 1157  
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 1158  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 1159  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 1160

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 1161  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 1162  
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 1163  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 1164  
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 1165  
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 1166  
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 1167  
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 1168  
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1169  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 1170  
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1171

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1172  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1173  
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 1174  
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1175  
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 1176  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1177  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1178  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1179



described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 1180  
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 1181  
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 1182  
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 1183  
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 1184

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1185  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1186  
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 1187  
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 1188  
both of the following apply: 1189

(a) One of the following applies: 1190

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1191  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1192  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1193  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1194  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 1195

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 1196  
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1197  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1198  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1199  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 1200  
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 1201  
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 1202  
treatment. 1203

(b) All of the following apply: 1204

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 1205  
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 1206  
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 1207  
to be imposed. 1208

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| (ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1209                                                                                 |
| (iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1210                                                                                 |
| (iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is<br>drug or alcohol driven.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1211<br>1212                                                                         |
| (v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to<br>participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1213<br>1214                                                                         |
| (vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1215                                                                                 |
| (vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county<br>prosecutor approves of the referral.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1216<br>1217                                                                         |
| (4) If the administrative judge of the court of common<br>pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases<br>pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a<br>sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative<br>judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for<br>Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the<br>drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the<br>assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the<br>assignments when the administrative judge determines that the<br>volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes<br>a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. | 1218<br>1219<br>1220<br>1221<br>1222<br>1223<br>1224<br>1225<br>1226<br>1227<br>1228 |
| (5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community<br>control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail<br>term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the<br>Revised Code.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1229<br>1230<br>1231<br>1232                                                         |
| (C) (1) In Lorain county:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1233                                                                                 |
| (a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms<br>begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999,<br>and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1234<br>1235<br>1236                                                                 |

term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 1237  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1238  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1239  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 1240  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1241  
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 1242  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 1243  
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 1244  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1245  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 1246  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1247  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1248  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1249  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1250  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 1251  
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 1252  
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 1253  
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1254  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1255  
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1256  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 1257  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1258  
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1259

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 1260  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1261  
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 1262  
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 1263  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 1264  
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 1265  
Code. 1266

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1267

domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 1268  
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 1269  
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 1270  
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1271  
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 1272  
probate judge. 1273

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1274  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1275  
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 1276  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 1277  
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 1278  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1279  
relations. 1280

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1281  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1282  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 1283  
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1284  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1285  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1286  
relations. 1287

(D) In Lucas county: 1288

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1289  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 1290  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1291  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1292  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 1293  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1294  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1295  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 1296  
assigned to them. 1297

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1298  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1299  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1300  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1301  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 1302  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1303

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1304  
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 1305  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1306  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1307  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 1308  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1309  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1310  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1311  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1312  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1313  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1314  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1315  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1316  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1317  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1318  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 1319  
in the discharge of their various duties. 1320

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1321  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1322  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1323  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 1324  
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 1325  
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 1326  
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1327  
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 1328

to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 1329  
parties to an action pending in the division. 1330

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1331  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1332  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1333  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1334  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 1335  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 1336

(E) In Mahoning county: 1337

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1338  
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1339  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1340  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1341  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1342  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1343  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1344  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 1345  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1346  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 1347  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 1348  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 1349  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1350  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1351  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1352  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 1353  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 1354

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1355  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1356  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1357  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1358

addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1359  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1360  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1361  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1362  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1363  
action pending in the division. 1364

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1365  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1366  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1367  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1368  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1369  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1370  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1371  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1372  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1373  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1374  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1375  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 1376  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1377  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1378  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1379  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1380

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1381  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1382  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1383  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1384  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1385  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 1386  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1387  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1388  
action pending in the division. 1389

(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 that judge's division necessitates it, that judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas.

(F) In Montgomery county:

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

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



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

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

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

of those divisions. 1451

(G) In Richland county: 1452

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1453  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 1454  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1455  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1456  
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 1457  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1458  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 1459  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1460  
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 1461  
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 1462  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1463  
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 1464  
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 1465  
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 1466  
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 1467  
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 1468  
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 1469  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 1470  
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 1471  
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 1472  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 1473  
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 1474  
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 1475  
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 1476  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1477  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1478  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 1479  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1480  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1481

act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 1482  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 1483  
of those matters. 1484

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1485  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 1486  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1487  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1488  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1489  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1490  
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1491  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1492  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1493  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1494  
shall fix their duties. 1495

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1496  
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 1497  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1498  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1499  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 1500  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1501  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1502  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1503  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1504  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1505  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1506  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 1507  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1508  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1509  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 1510  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 1511  
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 1512

have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1513  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1514  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1515

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1516  
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1517  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 1518  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1519  
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 1520  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1521  
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 1522  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1523

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 1524  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1525  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1526  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1527  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1528  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 1529  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 1530  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1531  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1532

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 1533  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 1534  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 1535  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1536  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1537  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 1538  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 1539  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 1540  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1541  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1542

jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1543  
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 1544  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 1545  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 1546

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 1547  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1548  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1549  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1550  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1551  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1552

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 1553  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1554  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 1555  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 1556  
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 1557  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 1558  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 1559  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 1560  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 1561  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 1562  
juvenile judge to serve. 1563

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 1564  
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 1565  
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 1566  
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 1567  
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 1568  
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 1569  
"the judge of the family court division." 1570

(I) In Summit county: 1571

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

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and  
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision  
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition

to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1603  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1604  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1605  
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1606  
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1607  
action pending in the division. 1608

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1609  
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1610  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1611  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1612  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1613  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1614  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1615  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1616  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1617  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1618  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1619  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 1620  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1621  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 1622  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 1623  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 1624  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1625  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1626  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1627

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1628  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1629  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1630  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1631  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1632  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1633

title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1634  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1635  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1636  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1637  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1638  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1639  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1640  
the division. 1641

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1642  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1643  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1644  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1645  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 1646  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1647  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1648  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1649  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1650  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1651  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1652  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1653  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1654  
court of common pleas. 1655

(K) In Butler county: 1656

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1657  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1658  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1659  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1660  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1661  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1662  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1663



domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1664  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1665  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1666  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1667  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1668  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1669  
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1670  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1671  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1672  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1673  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1674  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1675  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1676  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1677  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1678  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1679  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1680  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1681  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1682  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1683  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1684  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1685  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1686  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1687  
division. 1688

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1689  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1690  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1691  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1692  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1693  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1694

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1695  
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1696  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1697  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1698

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1699  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1700  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1701  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1702  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1703  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1704  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1705  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1706  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1707  
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1708  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1709  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1710  
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1711  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1712  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1713  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1714  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1715  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1716  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1717  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1718  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1719  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1720  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1721  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1722  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1723  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1724  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1725

various duties. 1726

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1727  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1728  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1729  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1730  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1731  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1732  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1733  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1734  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1735

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1736  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1737  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1738  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1739  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1740  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1741

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1742  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1743  
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1744  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1745  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1746  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1747  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1748  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1749  
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1750  
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1751  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1752  
some special reason. 1753

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1754  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1755

and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1756

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1757  
supervision; 1758

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1759  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1760

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1761  
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1762  
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1763  
legal separation and annulment matters. 1764

(M) In Lake county: 1765

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1766  
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1767  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1768  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1769  
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1770  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1771  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1772  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1773  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1774  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1775  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1776  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1777  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1778  
division. 1779

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1780  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1781  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1782  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1783  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1784

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1785  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1786  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1787  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1788  
division, who request the services. 1789

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1790  
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1791  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1792  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1793  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1794  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1795  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1796  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1797  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1798  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1799  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1800  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1801  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1802  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1803  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1804  
the judge's various duties. 1805

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1806  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1807  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1808  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1809  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1810  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1811  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1812  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1813  
request the services. 1814

(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.

(N) In Erie county:

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors,

the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1845  
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1846  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1847  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1848  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1849  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1850  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1851  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1852  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1853  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1854

(0) In Greene county: 1855

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1856  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1857  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1858  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1859  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1860  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1861  
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1862  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1863  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1864  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1865  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1866  
court of common pleas. 1867

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1868  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1869  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1870  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1871  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1872  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1873  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1874

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1875  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1876  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1877  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1878  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1879  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1880  
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1881  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1882  
general division of the court of common pleas. 1883

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1884  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1885  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1886  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1887  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1888  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1889  
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1890  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1891  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1892  
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1893  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1894  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1895  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1896  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1897  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1898  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1899  
the judge's various duties. 1900

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1901  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1902  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1903  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1904  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1905



cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1906  
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1907  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1908  
request the services. 1909

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1910  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1911  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1912  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1913  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1914  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1915  
division. 1916

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1917  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1918  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1919  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1920  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1921  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1922  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1923  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1924  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1925  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1926  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1927  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1928  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1929  
domestic relations division. 1930

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1931  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1932  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1933  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1934  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1935

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1936  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1937  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1938  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1939  
division, who request the services. 1940

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1941  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1942  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1943  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1944  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1945  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1946  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1947  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1948  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1949  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1950  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1951  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1952  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1953  
domestic relations division. 1954

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1955  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1956  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1957  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1958  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1959  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1960  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1961  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1962  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1963  
division, who request the services. 1964

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1965

pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1966  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1967  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1968  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1969  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1970  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1971  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1972  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1973  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1974  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1975  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1976  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1977  
domestic relations division. 1978

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1979  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1980  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1981  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1982  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1983  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1984  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1985  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1986  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1987  
division, who request the services. 1988

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1989  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1990  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1991  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1992  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1993  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1994  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1995  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1996

legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1997  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1998  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1999  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2000  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2001  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2002  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2003  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2004  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 2005  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 2006  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2007  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2008

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2009  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2010  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2011  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2012  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2013  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2014  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2015  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2016  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2017  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2018  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2019  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2020  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 2021  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2022  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2023  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2024

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 2025  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 2026  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2027

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2028  
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 2029  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2030  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2031  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2032  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2033  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2034  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2035  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2036  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2037  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2038  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2039  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2040  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2041  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2042  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2043

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2044  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2045  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2046  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2047  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2048  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2049  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2050  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2051  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2052  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2053  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2054  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2055  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2056  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2057  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2058

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 2059  
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 2060  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2061  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2062  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 2063  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2064  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2065  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2066  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2067  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2068  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2069  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2070  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2071  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2072  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2073  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2074  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2075  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2076  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2077

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2078  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2079  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2080  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2081  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2082  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2083  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2084  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2085  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2086  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2087  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2088  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2089

conciliation services that the division makes available to 2090  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2091  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2092

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2093  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2094  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2095  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2096  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 2097  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2098  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2099  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2100  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2101  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2102  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2103  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2104  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2105  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2106  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2107  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2108  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 2109  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2110  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 2111  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2112  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 2113  
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 2114  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2115  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 2116  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 2117  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2118  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2119  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2120

for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2121  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2122  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2123  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2124  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2125  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2126

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 2127  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2128  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 2129  
personnel of the division. 2130

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2131  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2132  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2133  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2134  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2135  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2136  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2137  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2138  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2139  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2140  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2141  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2142  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2143  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 2144  
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2145  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 2146  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 2147  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 2148  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 2149  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 2150  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 2151



support for that child when the request for that order is not 2152  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2153  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 2154  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2155  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 2156  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2157  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2158  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2159  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 2160  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 2161  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 2162

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2163  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 2164  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2165  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2166  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 2167  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2168  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 2169  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2170  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 2171  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 2172  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 2173  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2174  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 2175  
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 2176  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 2177  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 2178  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 2179  
and the judges of the general division. 2180

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2181  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 2182

children services board and the county advisory board. 2183

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2184  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 2185  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 2186  
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 2187  
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 2188  
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 2189  
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 2190  
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 2191  
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 2192  
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 2193  
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 2194  
domestic relations of that court. 2195

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 2196  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2197  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2198  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2199  
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 2200  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2201  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2202  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2203  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2204  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2205  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2206  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2207  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 2208  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 2209  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 2210  
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 2211  
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 2212  
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 2213

the personnel of the division. 2214

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2215  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2216  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2217  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2218  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2219  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2220  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2221  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2222  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2223  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2224  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2225  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2226  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2227  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2228  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2229

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 2230  
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 2231  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 2232  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 2233  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2234  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 2235  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 2236  
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 2237  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2238  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 2239  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 2240  
duties. 2241

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2242  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 2243

to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2244  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2245  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 2246  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 2247  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 2248  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 2249  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 2250  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2251  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2252  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2253  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2254  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2255  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2256  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2257  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2258  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2259  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2260  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 2261  
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2262  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 2263  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2264  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 2265  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 2266  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 2267  
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 2268  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 2269  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 2270  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 2271  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 2272  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 2273  
(Z) (1) of this section. 2274

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2275  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2276  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2277  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 2278  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2279  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 2280  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 2281  
pleas of Marion county. 2282

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 2283  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 2284  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 2285  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 2286  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2287  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 2288  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2289  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2290  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2291  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2292  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2293  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2294  
common pleas of Marion county. 2295

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2296  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 2297  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2298  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2299  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 2300  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 2301  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2302  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2303  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2304  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2305

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2306  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2307  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2308  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2309  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2310  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2311  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2312  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2313  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2314

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2315  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2316  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2317  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2318  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2319  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2320  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2321  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2322  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2323  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2324  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2325  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 2326  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2327  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2328  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2329

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 2330  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 2331  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2332  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2333  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 2334  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2335  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 2336

of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2337  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2338  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 2339  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 2340  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2341  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2342  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2343  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 2344  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 2345  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 2346  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 2347  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 2348  
the court of common pleas. 2349

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 2350  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 2351  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2352  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2353  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 2354  
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 2355  
common pleas, ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family court~~ 2356  
division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, that 2357  
judge, and the successors to that judge, shall have all the 2358  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2359  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under 2360  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of 2361  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings 2362  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2363  
responsibilities for the care of children and designation for 2364  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2365  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2366  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be 2367

assigned to that judge and the successors to that judge. 2368  
Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the 2369  
Revised Code, on and after January 2, 2005, the judge of the 2370  
court of common pleas of Logan county whose term begins on 2371  
January 2, 2005, and the successors to that judge, shall have 2372  
all the powers relating to the probate division of the court of 2373  
common pleas of Logan county in addition to the powers 2374  
previously specified in this division and shall exercise 2375  
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division 2376  
of that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction 2377  
of the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and 2378  
other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the 2379  
jurisdiction of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family~~ 2380  
court division of that court otherwise specified in division 2381  
(CC) (1) of this section. 2382

(2) The judge of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate~~ 2383  
family court division of the court of common pleas of Logan 2384  
county or the probate judge of the court of common pleas of 2385  
Logan county who is elected as the administrative judge of the 2386  
~~probate family court~~ division of the court of common pleas of 2387  
Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence 2388  
shall be the clerk of the ~~probate division and juvenile family~~ 2389  
court division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. ~~The~~ 2390  
~~clerk of the court of common pleas who is elected pursuant to~~ 2391  
~~section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep all of the~~ 2392  
~~journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining to the~~ 2393  
~~domestic relations cases.~~ 2394

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, the effective date of 2395  
this amendment, all references in law to "the probate court," 2396  
"the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the 2397  
juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan 2398



county, as being references to both "the probate division" and 2399  
the "~~domestic relations-juvenile-probate~~"family court division" 2400  
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2401  
division" and the "judge of the ~~domestic relations-juvenile-~~ 2402  
~~probate~~"family court division." On and after ~~January 2, 2005~~the 2403  
effective date of this amendment, all references in law to "the 2404  
clerk of the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to 2405  
Logan county, as being references to the judge who is serving 2406  
pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this section as the clerk of the 2407  
~~probate~~"family court division of the court of common pleas of 2408  
Logan county. 2409

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 2410  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 2411  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2412  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 2413  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2414  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2415  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 2416  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 2417  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 2418  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 2419  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 2420  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2421  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2422  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2423  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2424  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2425  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2426  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2427  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2428  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 2429

judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 2430  
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 2431  
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 2432  
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 2433  
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 2434  
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 2435  
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 2436  
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 2437  
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2438  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 2439  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2440  
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 2441  
section. 2442

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 2443  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 2444  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 2445  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 2446  
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 2447  
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 2448  
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 2449  
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 2450  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 2451  
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2452  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2453  
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 2454  
probate division. 2455

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 2456  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 2457  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2458  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2459  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 2460

be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2461  
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 2462  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 2463  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 2464  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 2465  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2466  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 2467  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 2468  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 2469  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 2470  
of common pleas. 2471

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2472  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2473  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2474  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 2475  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 2476  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 2477  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 2478  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 2479  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2480

**Section 2.** That existing sections 149.43, 149.45, 319.28, 2481  
2101.024, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2482

**Section 3.** Section 149.45 of the Revised Code is presented 2483  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both 2484  
Sub. H.B. 317 and Sub. H.B. 359 of the 131st General Assembly. 2485  
The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division 2486  
(B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to 2487  
be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 2488  
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 2489  
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 2490

presented in this act.

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