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Senator Coley

A BILL

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 2
of the Revised Code to create the Paulding 3
County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 4
2020, to establish one full-time judgeship in 5
that court, to provide for the nomination of the 6
judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding 7
County County Court on that date, and to provide 8
for the election for the Paulding County 9
Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2019. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 11
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised 12
Code be amended to read as follows: 13

Sec. 1901.01. (A) There is hereby established a municipal 14
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 15

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 16

Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 17
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 18
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 19
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 20
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 21
Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 22
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 23
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 24
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 25
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 26
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 27
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 28
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Philadelphia, Newton Falls, Niles, 29
Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, Painesville, Parma, 30
Paulding, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky 31
River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, 32
Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, 33
Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, 34
Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of Washington in Fayette 35
county, to be known as Washington Court House, Willoughby, 36
Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville. 37

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 38
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 39
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 40
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 41
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 42
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 43
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 44
this division. 45

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 46
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 47

corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 48
county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 49
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 50
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 51
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 52

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 53
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 54
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 55
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 56
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 57
authority of that court. 58

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 59
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 60
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 61

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 62
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 63

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 64
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 65
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 66
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 67
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 68
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 69
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 70
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 71

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 72
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 73
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 74
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 75
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 76

legislative authority of that court. 77

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 78
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 79
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 80
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 81
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 82
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 83
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 84
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 85
"..... municipal court," inserting 86
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 87
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 88

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 89
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 90
court"; 91

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 92
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 93
court"; 94

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

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

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 99
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 100

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 101
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 102

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 103
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 104

- (8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 105
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 106
- (9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 107
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 108
court"; 109
- (10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 110
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 111
- (11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 112
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 113
- (12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 114
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 115
- (13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 116
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 117
- (14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 118
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 119
- (15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 120
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 121
- (16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 122
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 123
- (17) The municipal court established within Clermont 124
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 125
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 126
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 127
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 128
- (18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 129
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 130
"Clinton county municipal court"; 131

(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 132
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal 133
court"; 134

(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 135
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 136
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 137

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 138
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 139
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 140
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 141
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 142

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 143
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 144
"Brown county municipal court"; 145

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 146
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 147
"Morrow county municipal court"; 148

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 149
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 150
"Darke county municipal court"; 151

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 152
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 153
"Holmes county municipal court"; 154

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 155
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 156
"Carroll county municipal court"; 157

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 158
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 159

unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 160
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 161
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 162
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 163
court"; 164

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 165
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 166
"Putnam county municipal court"; 167

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 168
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 169
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 170
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 171
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 172
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 173
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 174
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 175
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 176

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 177
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 178
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 179
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 180
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 181
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 182
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 183

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 184
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 185
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court-"; 186

(32) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 187
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 188

<u>"Paulding county municipal court."</u>	189
(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division	190
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section	191
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows:	192
The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath,	193
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal	194
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit	195
county.	196
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within	197
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark	198
county.	199
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within	200
Ashland county.	201
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within	202
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	203
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within	204
Athens county.	205
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction	206
within Auglaize county.	207
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the	208
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	209
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within	210
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley	211
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn,	212
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in	213
Summit county.	214
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	215

municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, 216
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, 217
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within 218
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county. 219

The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within 220
Logan county. 221

The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme 222
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township 223
in Sandusky county. 224

The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the 225
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, 226
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted 227
township, in Cuyahoga county. 228

The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within 229
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, 230
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, 231
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising 232
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within 233
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, 234
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, 235
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county. 236

Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal 237
court has jurisdiction within Brown county. 238

The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams 239
county. 240

The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within 241
Guernsey county. 242

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within 243

Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	244
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	245
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	246
Stark county.	247
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	248
Carroll county.	249
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	250
county.	251
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction	252
within Champaign county.	253
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	254
county.	255
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within	256
Ross county.	257
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within	258
Pickaway county.	259
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	260
Clark county.	261
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction	262
within Clermont county.	263
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	264
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	265
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	266
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	267
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	268
within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	269
corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and	270

St. Clair townships.	271
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	272
Coshocton county.	273
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	274
within Crawford county.	275
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	276
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	277
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	278
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	279
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	280
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	281
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	282
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	283
municipal corporation of Bradford.	284
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	285
Defiance county.	286
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	287
Delaware county.	288
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	289
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	290
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	291
county.	292
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	293
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	294
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	295
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	296
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	297

has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships 298
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal 299
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and 300
Vermilion. 301

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the 302
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and 303
Beavercreek townships in Greene county. 304

Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal 305
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county. 306

The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 307
Hancock county except within Washington township. 308

The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within 309
Franklin township in Warren county. 310

The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction 311
within Franklin county. 312

The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within 313
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county. 314

The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within 315
Gallia county. 316

The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction 317
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton 318
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, 319
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county. 320

The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within 321
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county. 322

The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross 323
and St. Clair townships in Butler county. 324

The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	325
within Hamilton county.	326
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	327
Hardin county.	328
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	329
of Highland county except within Madison township.	330
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	331
Hocking county.	332
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	333
Holmes county.	334
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	335
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	336
corporation of Sandusky.	337
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	338
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	339
townships in Lawrence county.	340
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	341
Jackson county.	342
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	343
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	344
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	345
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	346
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	347
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	348
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	349
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	350
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	351

Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	352
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	353
Licking county.	354
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	355
county.	356
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	357
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	358
township, in Lorain county.	359
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	360
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	361
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	362
county.	363
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	364
Madison county.	365
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	366
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	367
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	368
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	369
Richland county.	370
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	371
Washington county.	372
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	373
county.	374
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	375
Union county.	376
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	377
Deerfield township in Warren county.	378

The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within 379
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson 380
townships in Stark county. 381

The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the 382
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within 383
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions 384
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of 385
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas 386
county. 387

The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the 388
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- 389
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick 390
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, 391
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in 392
Medina county. 393

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 394
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 395

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 396
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 397
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 398

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 399
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 400
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 401

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 402
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 403
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 404

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 405
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 406
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 407

Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 408
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrolllton and Butler, German, 409
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 410

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 411
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 412

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within 413
Knox county. 414

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry 415
county. 416

The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction 417
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, 418
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, 419
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in 420
Tuscarawas county. 421

The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within 422
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, 423
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county. 424

The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the 425
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield 426
township in Trumbull county. 427

The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 428
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue 429
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships. 430

The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the 431
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South 432
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, 433
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and 434
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except 435

within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 436

The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the 437
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem 438
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake 439
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 440
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 441
Toledo municipal court. 442

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 443
Ottawa county. 444

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 445
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 446
Lake county. 447

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 448
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 449
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 450
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 451

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal 452
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county. 453

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 454
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 455
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 456
in Wood county. 457

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 458
Portage county. 459

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 460
Scioto county. 461

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within 462
Putnam county. 463

The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within 464
the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview 465
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in 466
Cuyahoga county. 467

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 468
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 469
Perkins township, in Erie county. 470

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal 471
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except 472
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 473
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships. 474

The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within 475
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, 476
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county. 477

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 478
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 479
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 480
in Richland county. 481

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 482
county. 483

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 484
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 485
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 486
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 487
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 488
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 489

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 490
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 491
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 492

county. 493

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 494
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 495
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 496
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 497
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 498
in Lucas county. 499

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 500
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 501
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 502
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 503
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 504
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 505
Millgrove, in Wood county. 506

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 507
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 508
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 509

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 510
Wyandot county. 511

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 512
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 513
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 514
county. 515

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 516
Wert county. 517

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 518
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 519
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 520
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 521

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 522
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 523
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 524
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 525

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 526
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 527
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 528
county. 529

The Washington Court House municipal court has 530
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 531

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 532
Wayne county. 533

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 534
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 535
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 536
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 537
county. 538

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 539
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 540

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 541
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 542
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 543
Greene county. 544

(C) As used in this section: 545

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 546
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 547
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 548
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 549

governmentally a part of the township. 550

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 551
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 552
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 553
corporation. 554

Sec. 1901.03. As used in this chapter: 555

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 556
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 557
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 558

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 559
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 560
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 561
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 562
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 563

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 564
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 565
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 566
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 567
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 568

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 569
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 570
operated municipal court, is located. 571

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 572
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 573
operated municipal court, is located. 574

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 575
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, 576
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, 577

Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 578
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 579
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 580
county, or Wayne county municipal court and, effective January 581
1, ~~2013~~ 2020, also includes the ~~Sandusky~~ Paulding county 582
municipal court. 583

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 584
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 585
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 586
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 587
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 588

Sec. 1901.07. (A) All municipal court judges shall be 589
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 590
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 591
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 592
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 593
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 594
commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 595
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 596
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 597

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 598
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 599
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 600
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 601
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 602
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 603
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 604
municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 605
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 606
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 607

of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 608

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 609
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 610
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 611
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 612
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 613
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 614
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 615
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 616
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 617
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 618
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 619
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 620
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 621
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 622
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 623
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 624
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 625
political party for election to the office does not exceed the 626
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 627
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 628
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 629
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 630
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 631
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 632

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 633
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 634
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 635
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 636
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 637
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 638

nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 639
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 640
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 641
to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 642
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 643
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 644
territory of the court. 645

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 646
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 647
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 648
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 649
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 650
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 651
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 652
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 653
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 654
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 655
of municipal court judges. 656

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 657
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 658
and elected as follows: 659

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 660
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 661
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 662
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 663
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 664
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 665
offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 666
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 667
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 668

in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 669
court of common pleas. 670

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 671
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 672
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 673
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 674
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 675
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 676
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 677
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 678
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 679
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 680
common pleas. 681

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 682
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 683
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 684
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 685
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 686
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 687
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 688
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 689
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 690
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 691
of common pleas. 692

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 693
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 694
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 695
of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 696
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 697
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 698

prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 699
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 700
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 701
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 702
electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 703
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 704
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 705

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 706
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 707
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 708
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 709
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 710
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 711
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 712
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 713
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 714

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 715
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Paulding, 716
Putnam, Sandusky, and Wayne county municipal courts, the judges 717
shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall be 718
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court 719
and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 720

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 721
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 722
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 723

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 724
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 725
jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 726
the first day of January after the election. 727

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 728
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 729
their terms shall be as follows: 730

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 731
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 732
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 733
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 734

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 735
be elected in 1953. 736

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 737
be elected in 1951. 738

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

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 741
shall be elected in 1967. 742

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 743
judge shall be elected in 1975. 744

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 745
shall be elected in 2017. On and after ~~the effective date of~~ 746
~~this amendment~~ September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the 747
Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as 748
a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's 749
term on December 31, 2017. 750

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 751
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 752
elected in 1971. 753

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 754
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 755

1979. 756

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 757
shall be elected in 1993. 758

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall 759
be elected in 1951. 760

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 761
elected in 2005. 762

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 763
shall be elected in 1983. 764

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 765
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 766
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 767
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 768
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 769
until December 31, 2005. 770

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 771
elected in 1965. 772

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 773
shall be elected in 1951. 774

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 775
be elected in 1963. 776

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 777
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 778
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 779

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 780
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 781
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 782

county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 783
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 784
December 31, 2009. 785

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 786
be elected in 1957. 787

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 788
judge shall be elected in 2001. 789

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 790
be elected in 1963. 791

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 792
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 793
elected in 1977. 794

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 795
shall be elected in 1953. 796

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 797
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 798
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 799
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 800
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 801
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 802

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 803
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 804
be elected in 1999. 805

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 806
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 807
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 808
1955. 809

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 810

judge shall be elected in 1957. 811

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 812
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 813
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 814
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 815
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 816

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 817
judges shall be elected in 2001. 818

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 819
be elected in 1953. 820

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 821
shall be elected in 1951. 822

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 823
judge shall be elected in 1977. 824

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 825
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 826
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 827
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 828
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 829
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 830
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 831
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 832
December 31, 2013, respectively. 833

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 834
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 835
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 836
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 837
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 838
December 31, 2005. 839

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 840
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 841
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 842
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 843
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 844
second day of January next after their election. 845

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 846
be elected in 1957. 847

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 848
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 849
2007. 850

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 851
shall be elected in 1957. 852

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 853
shall be elected in 1953. 854

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 855
elected in 1973. 856

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 857
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 858
1973. 859

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 860
shall be elected in 2007. 861

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 862
be elected in 1951. 863

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall 864
be elected in 1977. 865

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time 866

judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be 867
elected in 2005. 868

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge 869
shall be elected in 1989. 870

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall 871
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 872
1993. 873

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall 874
be elected in 1951. 875

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time 876
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 877
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 878
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 879
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 880
shall be elected in 1997. 881

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 882
be elected in 1975. 883

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 884
shall be elected in 1981. 885

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 886
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 887
elected in 1981. 888

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 889
be elected in 1963. 890

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 891
be elected in 1953. 892

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 893

judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 894
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 895
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 896
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 897
the first day of January next after their election, except that 898
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 899
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 900
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 901
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 902

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 903
shall be elected in 1989. 904

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 905
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 906
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 907
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 908
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 909

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 910
shall be elected in 1977. 911

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 912
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 913
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 914
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 915
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 916
court until December 31, 2007. 917

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 918
elected in 1967. 919

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 920
be elected in 1951. 921

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 922

shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 923
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 924
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 925
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 926

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 927
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 928
elected in 1975. 929

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 930
be elected in 1955. 931

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 932
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 933
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 934
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 935
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 936
court until the end of those judges' terms. 937

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 938
judge shall be elected in 1981. 939

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 940
be elected in 1955. 941

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 942
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 943
elected in 1971. 944

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 945
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 946
1967. 947

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 948
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 949
1973. 950

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 951
shall be elected in 1957. 952

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 953
shall be elected in 1981. 954

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 955
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 956
elected in 1969. 957

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall 958
be elected in 1957. 959

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall 960
be elected in 1951. 961

In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge 962
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the 963
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was 964
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 965
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 966

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 967
elected in 1965. 968

In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge 969
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 970
elected in 1971. 971

In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall 972
be elected in 1963. 973

In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 974
be elected in 1957. 975

In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall 976
be elected in 1971. 977

In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge 978
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 979
elected in 1979. 980

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge 981
shall be elected in 1951. 982

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 983
shall be elected in 1953. 984

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 985

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 986
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 987
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 988
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 989
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 990
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 991
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 992
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 993
county county court that existed before that date whose term 994
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 995
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 996
2011. 997

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 998
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 999
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1000
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1001
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1002
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1003
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1004

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1005
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1006

1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1007
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1008
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1009
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1010

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1011
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1012
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1013
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1014
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1015
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1016
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1017
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1018
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1019
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1020
December 31, 2013. 1021

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1022
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1023
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1024
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1025
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1026
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1027

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1028
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1029
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1030
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1031
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1032

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1033
shall be elected in 1951. 1034

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1035

be elected in 2005.	1036
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time	1037
judge shall be elected in 1975.	1038
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	1039
shall be elected in 1963.	1040
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1041
elected in 1951.	1042
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1043
be elected in 1975.	1044
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1045
be elected in 1953.	1046
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1047
be elected in 1989.	1048
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1049
be elected in 1963.	1050
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	1051
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	1052
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as	1053
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,	1054
1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1055
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge	1056
shall be elected in 1951.	1057
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1058
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	1059
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1060
<u>In the Paulding county municipal court to be established</u>	1061
<u>on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in</u>	1062

2019. 1063

In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge 1064
shall be elected in 1977. 1065

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1066
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1067
be elected in 1971. 1068

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1069
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1070
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1071
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1072
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1073

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1074
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1075
elected in 1985. 1076

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1077
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1078
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1079
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1080
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1081
court until December 31, 2011. 1082

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1083
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1084
elected in 1971. 1085

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1086
be elected in 1953. 1087

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1088
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1089
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1090

that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 1091
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1092
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1093
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1094
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1095
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1096
31, 2013. 1097

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1098
shall be elected in 1957. 1099

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1100
be elected in 1957. 1101

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1102
be elected in 1995. 1103

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1104
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1105
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1106
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1107
January 1, 2000. 1108

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1109
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1110
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1111
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1112
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1113
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1114

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1115
shall be elected in 1953. 1116

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1117
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1118
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1119

municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1120
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1121
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1122
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1123
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1124
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1125
court until December 31, 2009. 1126

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1127
shall be elected in 1963. 1128

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1129
be elected in 1963. 1130

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1131
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1132

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1133
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1134
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1135

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1136
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1137
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 1138
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 1139
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1140
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1141

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1142
be elected in 1959. 1143

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1144
be elected in 1957. 1145

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 1146
shall be elected in 1965. 1147

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 1148
shall be elected in 1981. 1149

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1150
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1151
1971. 1152

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1153
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1154
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1155
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1156
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1157

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1158
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1159
elected in 1979. 1160

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1161
shall be elected in 1951. 1162

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1163
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1164
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1165
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1166
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1167

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1168
elected in 1977. 1169

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1170
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1171
elected in 2013. 1172

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1173
shall be elected in 1953. 1174

Sec. 1901.312. (A) As used in this section, "health care 1175

coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the 1176
Revised Code. 1177

(B) The legislative authority, after consultation with the 1178
clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, shall negotiate 1179
and contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure group health 1180
care coverage for the clerk and deputy clerks and their spouses 1181
and dependents from insurance companies authorized to engage in 1182
the business of insurance in this state under Title XXXIX of the 1183
Revised Code or health insuring corporations holding 1184
certificates of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised 1185
Code, except that if the county or municipal corporation served 1186
by the legislative authority provides group health care coverage 1187
for its employees, the group health care coverage required by 1188
this section shall be provided, if possible, through the policy 1189
or plan under which the group health care coverage is provided 1190
for the county or municipal corporation employees. 1191

(C) The portion of the costs, premiums, or charges for the 1192
group health care coverage procured pursuant to division (B) of 1193
this section that is not paid by the clerk and deputy clerks of 1194
the municipal court, or all of the costs, premiums, or charges 1195
for the group health care coverage if the clerk and deputy 1196
clerks will not be paying any such portion, shall be paid as 1197
follows: 1198

(1) If the municipal court is a county-operated municipal 1199
court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges or all of 1200
the costs, premiums, or charges shall be paid out of the 1201
treasury of the county. 1202

(2) (a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1203
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1204
in connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or 1205

charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three- 1206
fifths and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and 1207
appropriate county treasuries as described in division (C) of 1208
section 1901.31 of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a 1209
city treasury is subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 1210
of the Revised Code. 1211

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1212
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1213
in connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, 1214
premiums, or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall 1215
be paid from the city treasury and shall be subject to 1216
apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1217

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the 1218
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Paulding county, Portage 1219
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court, if 1220
health care coverage is provided to the clerk by virtue of the 1221
clerk's employment as the clerk of the court of common pleas of 1222
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Paulding county, Portage 1223
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county. 1224

Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1225
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1226
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1227
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1228
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1229
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1230
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1231
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1232
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1233
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1234
municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1235

brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1236
within the territory of the municipal court. 1237

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1238
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1239
Ottawa county, Paulding county, Portage county, and Putnam 1240
county prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court 1241
all violations of state law arising in their respective 1242
counties. The Carroll county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, 1243
Madison county, and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and 1244
beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county prosecuting attorney 1245
shall prosecute all violations of state law arising within the 1246
unincorporated areas of their respective counties. The 1247
Columbiana county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the 1248
Columbiana county municipal court all violations of state law 1249
arising in the county, except for violations arising in the 1250
municipal corporation of East Liverpool, Liverpool township, or 1251
St. Clair township. The Darke county prosecuting attorney shall 1252
prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all violations of 1253
state law arising in the county, except for violations of state 1254
law arising in the municipal corporation of Greenville and 1255
violations of state law arising in the village of Versailles. 1256
The Greene county board of county commissioners may provide for 1257
the prosecution of all violations of state law arising within 1258
the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located in 1259
Greene county. The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall 1260
prosecute in the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, 1261
misdemeanor, and traffic violations arising in the 1262
unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay 1263
and all felony violations of state law and all violations 1264
involving a state or county agency arising within the 1265
jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1266

territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1267
prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1268
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1269
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1270

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1271
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1272
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1273
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1274
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1275
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1276
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1277
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1278
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1279
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1280

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1281
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1282
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1283
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1284
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1285
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1286
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1287
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1288
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1289

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1290
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1291
Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an 1292
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1293
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1294
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1295
before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1296

over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1297
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1298
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1299
Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an 1300
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1301
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective 1302
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the 1303
Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, 1304
Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, 1305
Paulding county, Portage county, or Putnam county municipal 1306
court for violations of the ordinances of the municipal 1307
corporation or for criminal offenses other than violations of 1308
state law occurring within the municipal corporation. For 1309
prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the 1310
municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the 1311
municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county 1312
treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the office of the 1313
prosecuting attorney. 1314

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 1315
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1316

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1317
shall be elected in 1982. 1318

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1319
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1320
elected in 1982. 1321

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1322
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1323
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1324
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1325

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1326
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1327
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1328
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1329

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1330
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1331
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1332

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge 1333
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1334
elected in 1982. 1335

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1336
shall be elected in 1982. 1337

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1338
shall be elected in 1982. 1339

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1340
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1341
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1342
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1343

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1344
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1345
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1346
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1347
1995, respectively. 1348

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 1349
shall be elected in 1982. 1350

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 1351
shall be elected in 1982. 1352

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 1353

shall be elected in 1982. 1354

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1355
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1356
elected in 1982. 1357

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1358
shall be elected in 1982. 1359

~~In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge~~ 1360
~~shall be elected in 1982.~~ 1361

In the Perry county county court, one part-time judge 1362
shall be elected in 1982. 1363

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1364
be elected in 1982. 1365

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1366
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1367
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1368
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1369
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1370
1, 2013. 1371

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1372
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1373
elected in 1994. 1374

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1375
shall be elected in 1982. 1376

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1377
shall be elected in 1982. 1378

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1379
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1380

elected in 1982. 1381

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1382
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1383
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1384

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1385
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1386
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1387
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1388

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1389
1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the 1390
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1391

Section 3. (A) Effective January 1, 2020, the Paulding 1392
County County Court is abolished. 1393

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 1394
proceedings pending in the Paulding County County Court at the 1395
close of business on December 31, 2019, shall be transferred to 1396
and proceed in the Paulding County Municipal Court on January 1, 1397
2020, as if originally instituted in the Paulding County 1398
Municipal Court. Parties to those causes, judgments, executions, 1399
and proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that 1400
are required to conform them to the rules of the Paulding County 1401
Municipal Court. The Clerk of the Paulding County County Court 1402
or other custodian shall transfer to the Paulding County 1403
Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, 1404
papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and 1405
persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject 1406
to the jurisdiction of the Paulding County County Court, or any 1407
officer of that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, 1408
executions, and proceedings at the close of business on December 1409

31, 2019. 1410

(C) All employees of the Paulding County County Court 1411
shall be transferred to and shall become employees of the 1412
Paulding County Municipal Court on January 1, 2020. 1413

(D) Effective January 1, 2020, the part-time judgeship in 1414
the Paulding County County Court is abolished. 1415

Section 4. Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.312, 1416
1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised Code, as amended by this 1417
act, shall take effect January 1, 2020. 1418

Section 5. Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is 1419
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1420
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 238 and Sub. H.B. 338 of the 128th General 1421
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1422
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1423
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1424
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1425
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1426
as presented in this act. 1427