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A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The liquor control commission; 200

(b) The Ohio casino control commission~~71~~; 201

(c) The state medical board; 202

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

following: 494

(1) A felony that is an offense of violence as defined in 495
section 2901.01 of the Revised Code; 496

(2) A felony that is a felony drug abuse offense as 497
defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code; 498

(3) A felony under the laws of this or any other state or 499
the United States that is a crime of moral turpitude; 500

(4) A felony involving dishonesty, fraud, or theft; 501

(5) A felony that is a violation of section 2921.05, 502
2921.32, or 2921.42 of the Revised Code. 503

(B) In case of a reduction, a suspension of more than 504
forty work hours in the case of an employee exempt from the 505
payment of overtime compensation, a suspension of more than 506
twenty-four work hours in the case of an employee required to be 507
paid overtime compensation, a fine of more than forty hours' pay 508
in the case of an employee exempt from the payment of overtime 509
compensation, a fine of more than twenty-four hours' pay in the 510
case of an employee required to be paid overtime compensation, 511
or removal, except for the reduction or removal of a 512
probationary employee, the appointing authority shall serve the 513
employee with a copy of the order of reduction, fine, 514
suspension, or removal, which order shall state the reasons for 515
the action. 516

Within ten days following the date on which the order is 517
served or, in the case of an employee in the career professional 518
service of the department of transportation, within ten days 519
following the filing of a removal order, the employee, except as 520
otherwise provided in this section, may file an appeal of the 521
order in writing with the state personnel board of review or the 522

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

authority of that court. 732

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

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

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

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

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

following courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 761

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 762
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 763
court"; 764

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 765
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 766
court"; 767

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 768
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 769

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 770
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 771

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 772
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 773

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 774
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 775

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 776
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 777

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 778
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 779

(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 780
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 781
court"; 782

(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 783
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 784

(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 785
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 786

(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 787

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within 928

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

court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, 955
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the 956
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls, 957
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 958
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 959

Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal 960
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the 961
municipal corporation of Bradford. 962

The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within 963
Defiance county. 964

The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within 965
Delaware county. 966

The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble 967
county. 968

The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the 969
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North 970
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia, 971
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county. 972

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court 973
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships 974
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal 975
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and 976
Vermilion. 977

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the 978
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and 979
Beavercreek townships in Greene county. 980

Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal 981
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county. 982

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cuyahoga county. 1149

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1176

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 1205

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(C) As used in this section: 1228

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 1347
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 1348
their terms shall be as follows: 1349

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1350
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1351
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 1352

full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 1353

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1354
be elected in 1953. 1355

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1356
be elected in 1951. 1357

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 1358
shall be elected in 1953. 1359

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 1360
shall be elected in 1967. 1361

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 1362
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1363

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 1364
shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the 1365
part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected 1366
in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1367
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017. 1368

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 1369
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 1370
elected in 1971. 1371

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1372
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1373
1979. 1374

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 1375
shall be elected in 1993. 1376

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1377
be elected in 1951. 1378

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1379

elected in 2005. 1380

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 1381
shall be elected in 1983. 1382

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 1383
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 1384
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 1385
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 1386
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 1387
until December 31, 2005. 1388

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1389
elected in 1965. 1390

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 1391
shall be elected in 1951. 1392

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1393
be elected in 1963. 1394

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1395
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1396
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 1397

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 1398
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 1399
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 1400
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 1401
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 1402
December 31, 2009. 1403

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1404
be elected in 1957. 1405

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 1406
judge shall be elected in 2001. 1407

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1408
be elected in 1963.	1409
In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge	1410
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	1411
elected in 1977.	1412
In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge	1413
shall be elected in 1953.	1414
In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge	1415
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be	1416
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield	1417
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as	1418
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1,	1419
1988, until the end of their respective terms.	1420
In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time	1421
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall	1422
be elected in 1999.	1423
In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges	1424
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be	1425
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in	1426
1955.	1427
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	1428
judge shall be elected in 1957.	1429
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	1430
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	1431
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	1432
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until	1433
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	1434
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time	1435

judges shall be elected in 2001. 1436

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1437
be elected in 1953. 1438

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 1439
shall be elected in 1951. 1440

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 1441
judge shall be elected in 1977. 1442

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1443
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 1444
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 1445
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 1446
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 1447
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 1448
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 1449
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 1450
December 31, 2013, respectively. 1451

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 1452
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 1453
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 1454
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 1455
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 1456
December 31, 2005. 1457

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 1458
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 1459
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 1460
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 1461
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 1462
second day of January next after their election. 1463

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1464

be elected in 1957.	1465
In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1466
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1467
2007.	1468
In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge	1469
shall be elected in 1957.	1470
In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1471
elected in 1973.	1472
In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1473
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1474
1973.	1475
In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge	1476
shall be elected in 2007.	1477
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1478
be elected in 1951.	1479
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1480
be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1481
2023.	1482
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time	1483
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be	1484
elected in 2005.	1485
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge	1486
shall be elected in 1989.	1487
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1488
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	1489
1993.	1490
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1491

be elected in 1951. 1492

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time 1493
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 1494
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1495
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 1496
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 1497
shall be elected in 1997. 1498

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1499
be elected in 1975. 1500

In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on 1501
January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023. 1502

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 1503
shall be elected in 1981. 1504

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 1505
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1506
elected in 1981. 1507

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1508
be elected in 1963. 1509

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1510
be elected in 1953. 1511

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 1512
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 1513
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 1514
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 1515
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 1516
the first day of January next after their election, except that 1517
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 1518
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 1519

terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 1520
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 1521

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 1522
shall be elected in 1989. 1523

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 1524
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 1525
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 1526
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1527
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 1528

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 1529
shall be elected in 1977. 1530

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 1531
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 1532
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 1533
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1534
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 1535
court until December 31, 2007. 1536

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 1537
elected in 1967. 1538

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1539
be elected in 1951. 1540

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 1541
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 1542
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 1543
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 1544
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 1545

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 1546
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 1547

elected in 1975. 1548

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1549
be elected in 1955. 1550

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 1551
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1552
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 1553
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1554
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 1555
court until the end of those judges' terms. 1556

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 1557
judge shall be elected in 1981. 1558

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1559
be elected in 1955. 1560

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 1561
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1562
elected in 1971. 1563

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1564
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1565
1967. 1566

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1567
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1568
1973. 1569

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 1570
shall be elected in 1957. 1571

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 1572
shall be elected in 1981. 1573

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 1574

shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1575
elected in 1969. 1576

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1577
be elected in 1957. 1578

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1579
be elected in 1951. 1580

In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge 1581
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the 1582
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was 1583
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 1584
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 1585

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 1586
elected in 1965. 1587

In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge 1588
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 1589
elected in 1971. 1590

In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1591
be elected in 1963. 1592

In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1593
be elected in 1957. 1594

In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1595
be elected in 1971. 1596

In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge 1597
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1598
elected in 1979. 1599

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge 1600
shall be elected in 1951. 1601

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 1602
shall be elected in 1953. 1603

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 1604

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 1605
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 1606
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1607
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1608
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 1609
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 1610
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 1611
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 1612
county county court that existed before that date whose term 1613
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 1614
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 1615
2011. 1616

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 1617
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 1618
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1619
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1620
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1621
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1622
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1623

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1624
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1625
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1626
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1627
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1628
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1629

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1630

term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1631
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1632
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1633
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1634
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1635
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1636
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1637
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1638
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1639
December 31, 2013. 1640

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1641
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1642
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1643
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1644
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1645
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1646

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1647
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1648
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1649
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1650
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1651

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 1652
shall be elected in 1951. 1653

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1654
be elected in 2005. 1655

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 1656
judge shall be elected in 1975. 1657

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 1658
shall be elected in 1963. 1659

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1660
elected in 1951.	1661
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1662
be elected in 1975.	1663
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall	1664
be elected in 1953.	1665
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1666
be elected in 1989.	1667
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	1668
be elected in 1963.	1669
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	1670
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	1671
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as	1672
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,	1673
1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1674
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge	1675
shall be elected in 1951.	1676
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	1677
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	1678
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	1679
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established	1680
on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in	1681
2019.	1682
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on	1683
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	1684
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge	1685
shall be elected in 1977.	1686

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1687
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1688
be elected in 1971. 1689

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1690
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1691
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1692
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1693
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1694

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1695
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1696
elected in 1985. 1697

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1698
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1699
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1700
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1701
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1702
court until December 31, 2011. 1703

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1704
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1705
elected in 1971. 1706

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1707
be elected in 1953. 1708

~~In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1709~~
~~judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013,~~ 1710
~~the two part time judges of the Sandusky county county court~~ 1711
~~that existed prior to that date shall serve as part time judges~~ 1712
~~of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013.~~ 1713
~~If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that~~ 1714
~~judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the~~ 1715

~~person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full-~~ 1716
~~time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December~~ 1717
~~31, 2013.~~ 1718

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1719
shall be elected in 1957. 1720

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1721
be elected in 1957. 1722

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1723
be elected in 1995. 1724

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1725
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1726
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1727
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1728
January 1, 2000. 1729

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1730
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1731
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1732
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1733
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1734
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1735

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1736
shall be elected in 1953. 1737

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1738
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1739
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1740
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1741
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1742
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1743
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1744

that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1745
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1746
court until December 31, 2009. 1747

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1748
shall be elected in 1963. 1749

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1750
be elected in 1963. 1751

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1752
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1753

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1754
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1755
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1756

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1757
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1758
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 1759
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 1760
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1761
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1762

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1763
be elected in 1959. 1764

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1765
be elected in 1957. 1766

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 1767
shall be elected in 1965. 1768

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 1769
shall be elected in 1981. 1770

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1771

be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1772
1971. 1773

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1774
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1775
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1776
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1777
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1778

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1779
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1780
elected in 1979. 1781

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1782
shall be elected in 1951. 1783

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1784
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1785
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1786
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1787
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1788

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1789
elected in 1977. 1790

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1791
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1792
elected in 2013. 1793

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1794
shall be elected in 1953. 1795

Sec. 1901.31. The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 1796
court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 1797
powers and duties as follows: 1798

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed 1799

or elected as follows: 1800

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana 1801
county, Hamilton county, Miami county, Montgomery county, 1802
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and through 1803
December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the 1804
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1805
thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 1806
the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 1807
be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 1808
territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 1809
election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1810

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1811
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1812
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1813
successor is elected and qualified. 1814

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1815
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1816
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1817
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1818
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1819
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1820
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1821
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1822
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1823
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1824
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1825
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1826
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1827
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1828
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1829

provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1830

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1831
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1832
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1833
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1834
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1835
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1836
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1837
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1838
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1839
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1840
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1841
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1842
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1843
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1844
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1845
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1846
Code. 1847

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1848
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1849
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1850
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1851
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1852
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1853
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1854
at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1855
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1856
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1857
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1858
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1859
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1860

the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1861
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1862
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1863

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 1864
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1865
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1866
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1867
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1868
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1869
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1870
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1871
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1872
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1873
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1874
territory of the court. 1875

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1876
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1877
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1878
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1879
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1880
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1881
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1882
Revised Code. 1883

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1884
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1885
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1886
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1887
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1888
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1889
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1890

particular political party for election to that office, a 1891
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1892
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1893
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1894
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1895

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1896
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1897
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1898
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1899
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1900
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1901
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1902
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1903
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1904
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1905
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1906
successor is elected and qualified. 1907

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1908
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1909
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1910
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1911
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1912
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1913
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1914
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1915
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1916
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1917
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1918
the territory of the court. 1919

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1920

petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1921
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1922
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1923
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1924
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1925
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1926
Revised Code. 1927

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1928
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1929
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1930
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1931
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1932
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1933
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1934
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1935
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1936
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1937
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1938
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1939
Revised Code. 1940

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1941
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1942
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1943
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1944
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1945
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1946
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1947
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1948
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1949
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1950
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1951

successor is elected and qualified. 1952

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1953
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1954
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1955
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1956
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1957
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1958
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1959
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1960
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1961
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1962
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1963
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1964
electors of the territory of the court. 1965

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1966
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1967
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1968
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1969
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1970
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1971
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1972
Revised Code. 1973

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1974
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1975
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1976
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1977
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1978
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1979
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1980
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1981

office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1982
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1983
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1984
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1985
Revised Code. 1986

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1987
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1988
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1989
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1990
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1991
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1992
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1993
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1994
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1995
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1996
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1997
successor is elected and qualified. 1998

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1999
effect after December 31, 2008. 2000

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 2001
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 2002
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 2003
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 2004
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 2005
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 2006
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 2007
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 2008
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 2009
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 2010
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 2011

territory of the court. 2012

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 2013
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 2014
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 2015
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 2016
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 2017
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 2018
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 2019
Revised Code. 2020

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 2021
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 2022
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 2023
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 2024
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 2025
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 2026
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 2027
particular political party for election to that office, a 2028
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 2029
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 2030
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 2031
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 2032

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 2033
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 2034
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 2035
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 2036
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 2037
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 2038
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 2039
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 2040
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 2041

six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 2042
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 2043
successor is elected and qualified. 2044

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 2045
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 2046
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 2047
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 2048
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 2049
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 2050
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 2051
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 2052
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 2053
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 2054
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 2055
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 2056
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 2057
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 2058
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 2059
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 2060
Revised Code. 2061

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 2062
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, ~~Sandusky-~~ 2063
~~county,~~ Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown municipal 2064
courts, in a municipal court for which the population of the 2065
territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk shall be 2066
appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office until 2067
the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 2068

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and 2069
Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a 2070
term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this 2071

section. 2072

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 2073
Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal 2074
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 2075
Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky~~ 2076
~~county~~ shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize 2077
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam 2078
county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal courts and may appoint a 2079
chief deputy clerk for each branch office that is established 2080
pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant 2081
clerks as the judge of the court determines are necessary, all 2082
of whom shall receive the compensation that the legislative 2083
authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize county, 2084
Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam county, ~~and Sandusky county~~, 2085
acting as the clerks of the Auglaize 2086
county, Brown county, Holmes county, Perry county, and Putnam 2087
county, ~~and Sandusky county~~ municipal courts and assuming the 2088
duties of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from 2089
the county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth 2090
the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common 2091
pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the 2092
county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of 2093
the Revised Code. 2094

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 2095
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 2096
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 2097
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 2098

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 2099
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 2100
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 2101

Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs 2102
in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 2103
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 2104
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 2105
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 2106
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 2107
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 2108
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 2109
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 2110
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 2111
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 2112
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 2113
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 2114
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 2115
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 2116
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 2117
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 2118
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 2119
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 2120
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 2121
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 2122
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 2123
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 2124
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 2125
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 2126
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 2127
after the vacancy occurred. 2128

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 2129
county, the Brown county, the Holmes county, the Perry county, 2130
the Putnam county, ~~the Sandusky county,~~ and the Lorain municipal 2131
courts, for which the population of the territory is less than 2132

one hundred thousand, the clerk of the municipal court shall 2133
receive the annual compensation that the presiding judge of the 2134
court prescribes, if the revenue of the court for the preceding 2135
calendar year, as certified by the auditor or chief fiscal 2136
officer of the municipal corporation in which the court is 2137
located or, in the case of a county-operated municipal court, 2138
the county auditor, is equal to or greater than the 2139
expenditures, including any debt charges, for the operation of 2140
the court payable under this chapter from the city treasury or, 2141
in the case of a county-operated municipal court, the county 2142
treasury for that calendar year, as also certified by the 2143
auditor or chief fiscal officer. If the revenue of a municipal 2144
court, other than the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the 2145
Columbiana county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, ~~the~~ 2146
~~Sandusky county,~~ and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 2147
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand 2148
for the preceding calendar year as so certified is not equal to 2149
or greater than those expenditures for the operation of the 2150
court for that calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a 2151
municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the 2152
legislative authority prescribes. As used in this division, 2153
"revenue" means the total of all costs and fees that are 2154
collected and paid to the city treasury or, in a county-operated 2155
municipal court, the county treasury by the clerk of the 2156
municipal court under division (F) of this section and all 2157
interest received and paid to the city treasury or, in a county- 2158
operated municipal court, the county treasury in relation to the 2159
costs and fees under division (G) of this section. 2160

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana 2161
county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, 2162
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 2163

population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 2164
in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 2165
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 2166
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 2167

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 2168
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 2169
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 2170
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 2171
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 2172
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 2173
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 2174
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 2175

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 2176
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 2177
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 2178
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 2179
duties. 2180

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 2181
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 2182
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 2183
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 2184
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 2185
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 2186
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 2187
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 2188
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 2189
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 2190
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 2191
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 2192
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 2193

or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 2194
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 2195
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 2196
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 2197
all times. 2198

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 2199
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 2200
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 2201
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 2202
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 2203
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 2204
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 2205
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 2206
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 2207
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 2208
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 2209
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 2210
entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 2211
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 2212
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 2213
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 2214
court. 2215

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 2216
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 2217
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 2218
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 2219
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 2220
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 2221
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 2222
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 2223
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 2224

specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 2225
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 2226
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 2227
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 2228
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 2229
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 2230
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 2231
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 2232
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 2233
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 2234
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 2235
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 2236
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 2237
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 2238
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 2239
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 2240
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 2241
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 2242
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 2243
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 2244
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 2245
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 2246
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 2247
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 2248
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 2249
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 2250
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 2251
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 2252
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 2253
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 2254
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 2255
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 2256

clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 2257
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 2258

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 2259
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 2260
deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 2261
1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any 2262
interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city 2263
treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the 2264
interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which 2265
the court is located. 2266

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 2267
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 2268
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 2269
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 2270
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 2271
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 2272
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 2273
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed that are for 2274
restitution payments for crime victims shall be sent to the 2275
reparations fund created under section 2743.191 of the Revised 2276
Code, with a list from the clerk or other officer responsible 2277
for the collection and distribution of restitution payments 2278
specifying the amounts and individual identifying information of 2279
the funds. All other moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 2280
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 2281
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 2282
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 2283
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 2284
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 2285
upon proper certification of the clerk. 2286

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 2287
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 2288
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 2289
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 2290
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 2291
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 2292
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 2293
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 2294
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 2295
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 2296
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 2297
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 2298
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 2299
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 2300
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 2301
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 2302
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 2303
of the deputy clerk's duties. 2304

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 2305
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 2306
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 2307
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 2308
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 2309
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 2310
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 2311
population of at least one hundred thousand. 2312

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 2313
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 2314
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 2315
and receive verdicts. 2316

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 2317
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 2318

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 2319
shall be elected in 1982. 2320

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 2321
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 2322
elected in 1982. 2323

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 2324
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 2325
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2326
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 2327

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 2328
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 2329
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2330
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 2331

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 2332
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 2333
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 2334

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 2335
shall be elected in 1982. 2336

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 2337
shall be elected in 1982. 2338

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 2339
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 2340
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 2341
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 2342

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 2343
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 2344

and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3,
1995, respectively.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

compensation set forth in division (A)(5) of section 141.04 of 2373
the Revised Code. 2374

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 2375
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 2376
elected in 1994. 2377

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 2378
shall be elected in 1982. 2379

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 2380
shall be elected in 1982. 2381

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 2382
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 2383
elected in 1982. 2384

(B)(1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 2385
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 2386
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 2387

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 2388
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 2389
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 2390
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 2391

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 2392
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 2393
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 2394
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 2395
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2396
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2397
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 2398
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2399
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 2400
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2401

and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 2402
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 2403
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2404
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 2405
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 2406
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 2407
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 2408
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2409
subdivisions and departments. 2410

(B) In Hamilton county: 2411

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 2412
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 2413
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 2414
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2415
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2416
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 2417

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2418
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 2419
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 2420
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 2421
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2422
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 2423
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 2424
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 2425
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 2426
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 2427
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 2428
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 2429
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 2430
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2431

common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 2432
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 2433
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 2434
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 2435
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 2436
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 2437
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 2438
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 2439
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 2440
year. 2441

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 2442
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 2443
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2444
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2445
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2446
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2447
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2448
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2449
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 2450

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2451
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2452
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2453
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 2454
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 2455
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 2456
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2457
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2458
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 2459
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 2460
are parties to an action pending in the division. 2461

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 2462
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 2463
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 2464
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 2465
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 2466
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2467
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2468
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 2469
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 2470
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 2471
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 2472
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 2473
division of domestic relations. 2474

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 2475
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 2476
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 2477
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 2478
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 2479
relations. 2480

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 2481
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 2482
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 2483
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 2484
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 2485
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 2486
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 2487
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 2488
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 2489
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 2490

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 2491

county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 2492
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 2493
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. ~~The~~ 2494
~~drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the~~ 2495
~~drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After~~ 2496
~~the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court~~ 2497
~~judge has full authority over the case, including the authority~~ 2498
~~to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and~~ 2499
~~dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment~~ 2500
~~is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.~~ 2501

~~A judge of the general division of the court of common~~ 2502
~~pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county~~ 2503
~~municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and~~ 2504
~~any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria~~ 2505
~~described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If~~ 2506
~~the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the~~ 2507
~~case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug~~ 2508
~~court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria~~ 2509
~~described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that~~ 2510
~~involves a violation of a condition of a community control~~ 2511
~~sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge~~ 2512
~~accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court~~ 2513
~~judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case.~~ 2514

~~A judge of the general division of the court of common~~ 2515
~~pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county~~ 2516
~~municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under~~ 2517
~~division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that~~ 2518
~~both of the following apply:—~~ 2519

~~(a) One of the following applies:—~~ 2520

~~(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in—~~ 2521

~~section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the~~ 2522
~~third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July~~ 2523
~~1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the~~ 2524
~~offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.~~ 2525

~~(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in~~ 2526
~~section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the~~ 2527
~~third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July~~ 2528
~~1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the~~ 2529
~~offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor,~~ 2530
~~and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of~~ 2531
~~becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from~~ 2532
~~treatment.~~ 2533

~~(b) All of the following apply:~~ 2534

~~(i) The case involves an offense for which a community~~ 2535
~~control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a~~ 2536
~~mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required~~ 2537
~~to be imposed.~~ 2538

~~(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.~~ 2539

~~(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.~~ 2540

~~(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is~~ 2541
~~drug or alcohol driven.~~ 2542

~~(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to~~ 2543
~~participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.~~ 2544

~~(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.~~ 2545

~~(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county~~ 2546
~~prosecutor approves of the referral~~ 2547
Eligibility for admission of 2548
a case into the drug court shall be set forth in a local rule 2549
adopted by the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The

local rule specifying eligibility shall not permit referral to 2550
the drug court of a case that involves a felony of the first or 2551
second degree, a violation of any prohibition contained in 2552
Chapter 2907. of the Revised Code that is a felony of the third 2553
degree, or a violation of section 2903.01 or 2903.02 of the 2554
Revised Code. 2555

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 2556
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 2557
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 2558
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 2559
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 2560
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 2561
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 2562
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 2563
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 2564
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 2565
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 2566

~~(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community-~~ 2567
~~control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail-~~ 2568
~~term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the~~ 2569
~~Revised Code.~~ 2570

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 2571

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2572
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 2573
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 2574
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 2575
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2576
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2577
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 2578
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 2579

of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 2580
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 2581
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 2582
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2583
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 2584
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 2585
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2586
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 2587
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2588
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 2589
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 2590
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 2591
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2592
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2593
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2594
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 2595
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2596
other judge of the court of common pleas. 2597

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 2598
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2599
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 2600
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 2601
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 2602
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 2603
Code. 2604

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2605
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 2606
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 2607
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 2608
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2609
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 2610

probate judge. 2611

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2612
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2613
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 2614
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 2615
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 2616
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2617
relations. 2618

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 2619
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 2620
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 2621
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2622
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2623
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2624
relations. 2625

(D) In Lucas county: 2626

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2627
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 2628
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2629
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2630
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 2631
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2632
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2633
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 2634
assigned to them. 2635

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2636
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 2637
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 2638
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 2639

the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 2640
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2641

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2642
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 2643
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2644
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2645
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 2646
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2647
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2648
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2649
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 2650
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2651
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 2652
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 2653
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 2654
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2655
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2656
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 2657
in the discharge of their various duties. 2658

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 2659
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 2660
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 2661
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 2662
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 2663
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 2664
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2665
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 2666
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 2667
parties to an action pending in the division. 2668

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2669

division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2670
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2671
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 2672
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 2673
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 2674

(E) In Mahoning county: 2675

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2676
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2677
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2678
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2679
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2680
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2681
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 2682
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 2683
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2684
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 2685
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 2686
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2687
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2688
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2689
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2690
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 2691
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 2692

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2693
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2694
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2695
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2696
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2697
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2698
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 2699

and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2700
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2701
action pending in the division. 2702

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2703
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 2704
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2705
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2706
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2707
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2708
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2709
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 2710
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 2711
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2712
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2713
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2714
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2715
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2716
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2717
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 2718

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2719
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2720
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2721
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2722
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2723
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 2724
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2725
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2726
action pending in the division. 2727

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2728
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2729

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 2730
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 2731
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 2732
of common pleas. 2733

(F) In Montgomery county: 2734

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2735
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 2736
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2737
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2738
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 2739
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2740
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 2741
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2742
and annulment cases. 2743

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2744
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2745
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 2746
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 2747
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2748
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2749
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 2750
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 2751
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 2752
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 2753
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2754
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2755
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2756
fix their duties. 2757

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2758
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 2759

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2760
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2761
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 2762
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2763
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 2764
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2765
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2766

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2767
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 2768
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2769
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2770
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2771
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 2772
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 2773
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2774
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2775
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2776
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2777
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2778
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2779
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2780
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2781
the division. 2782

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2783
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2784
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2785
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 2786
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 2787
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 2788
of those divisions. 2789

(G) In Richland county: 2790

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2791
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 2792
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2793
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2794
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 2795
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2796
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 2797
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2798
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 2799
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 2800
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2801
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 2802
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 2803
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 2804
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 2805
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 2806
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 2807
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 2808
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 2809
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 2810
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 2811
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 2812
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 2813
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 2814
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2815
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2816
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 2817
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2818
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2819
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 2820

post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 2821
of those matters. 2822

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2823
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 2824
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2825
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 2826
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2827
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 2828
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 2829
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 2830
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 2831
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 2832
shall fix their duties. 2833

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2834
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2835
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2836
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2837
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 2838
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2839
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2840
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2841
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2842
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2843
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2844
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 2845
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2846
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2847
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 2848
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 2849
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 2850
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2851

assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2852
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2853

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2854
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2855
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 2856
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2857
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 2858
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2859
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 2860
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2861

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 2862
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2863
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2864
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2865
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2866
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 2867
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 2868
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2869
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2870

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 2871
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 2872
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 2873
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2874
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2875
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 2876
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 2877
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 2878
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2879
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2880
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2881

separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 2882
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 2883
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 2884

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 2885
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 2886
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2887
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 2888
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 2889
referees required for the judge's respective court. 2890

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 2891
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2892
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2893
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 2894
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 2895
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 2896
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 2897
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 2898
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 2899
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 2900
juvenile judge to serve. 2901

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 2902
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 2903
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 2904
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 2905
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 2906
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 2907
"the judge of the family court division." 2908

(I) In Summit county: 2909

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2910

begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 2911
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2912
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2913
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 2914
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2915
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2916
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 2917
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2918
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 2919
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2920
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 2921
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 2922
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 2923
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2924
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 2925
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 2926
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 2927
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 2928
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2929

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2930
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2931
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 2932
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 2933
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 2934
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2935
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2936
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 2937
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2938
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2939
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2940
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2941

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2942
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 2943
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 2944
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2945
action pending in the division. 2946

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2947
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2948
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2949
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2950
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 2951
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2952
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2953
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2954
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2955
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2956
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2957
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 2958
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 2959
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 2960
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 2961
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 2962
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2963
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2964
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2965

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 2966
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2967
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2968
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2969
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2970
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 2971
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2972

absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2973
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2974
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2975
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2976
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2977
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2978
the division. 2979

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2980
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2981
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2982
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2983
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 2984
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2985
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2986
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2987
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2988
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 2989
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2990
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 2991
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2992
court of common pleas. 2993

(K) In Butler county: 2994

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2995
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 2996
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2997
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2998
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 2999
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 3000
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 3001
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 3002

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3003
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 3004
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 3005
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 3006
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 3007
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 3008
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 3009
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 3010
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 3011
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 3012
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 3013
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3014
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3015
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3016
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3017
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3018
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 3019
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 3020
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 3021
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 3022
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 3023
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3024
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 3025
division. 3026

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 3027
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 3028
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3029
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 3030
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 3031
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3032
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 3033

any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3034
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3035
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3036

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 3037
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 3038
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3039
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3040
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 3041
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3042
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 3043
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 3044
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 3045
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3046
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 3047
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 3048
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 3049
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 3050
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 3051
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 3052
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 3053
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 3054
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 3055
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 3056
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 3057
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 3058
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 3059
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 3060
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 3061
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 3062
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 3063
various duties. 3064

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 3065
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 3066
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 3067
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 3068
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3069
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 3070
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3071
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3072
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3073

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3074
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 3075
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 3076
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 3077
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 3078
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 3079

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 3080
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 3081
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 3082
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3083
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3084
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 3085
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 3086
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 3087
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3088
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 3089
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 3090
some special reason. 3091

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 3092
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 3093
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 3094

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 3095
supervision; 3096

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 3097
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 3098

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 3099
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 3100
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3101
legal separation and annulment matters. 3102

(M) In Lake county: 3103

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3104
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 3105
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3106
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3107
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 3108
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3109
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 3110
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3111
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 3112
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 3113
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3114
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3115
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 3116
division. 3117

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3118
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3119
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3120
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3121
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3122
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3123

annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3124
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3125
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3126
division, who request the services. 3127

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3128
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 3129
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3130
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 3131
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 3132
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 3133
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 3134
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 3135
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3136
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3137
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3138
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3139
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3140
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3141
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3142
the judge's various duties. 3143

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3144
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3145
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3146
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3147
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3148
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3149
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 3150
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 3151
request the services. 3152

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3153

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 3154
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 3155
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 3156
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 3157
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 3158

(N) In Erie county: 3159

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3160
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 3161
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 3162
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3163
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3164
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 3165
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 3166
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 3167
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 3168
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 3169
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 3170
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3171
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 3172
other judge. 3173

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 3174
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 3175
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 3176
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 3177
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 3178
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 3179
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 3180

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3181
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3182
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 3183

term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 3184
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 3185
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 3186
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 3187
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 3188
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3189
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 3190
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3191
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3192

(0) In Greene county: 3193

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3194
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 3195
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3196
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3197
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 3198
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3199
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 3200
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 3201
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 3202
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 3203
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3204
court of common pleas. 3205

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3206
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3207
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 3208
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 3209
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 3210
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 3211
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3212
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3213

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3214
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 3215
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 3216
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 3217
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 3218
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 3219
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 3220
general division of the court of common pleas. 3221

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3222
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 3223
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3224
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3225
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 3226
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3227
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 3228
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3229
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 3230
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 3231
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 3232
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 3233
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 3234
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 3235
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 3236
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 3237
the judge's various duties. 3238

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3239
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 3240
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3241
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3242
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 3243
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 3244

that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 3245
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 3246
request the services. 3247

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 3248
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 3249
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 3250
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 3251
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 3252
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 3253
division. 3254

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 3255
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3256
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3257
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3258
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 3259
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3260
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3261
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3262
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3263
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3264
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3265
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3266
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3267
domestic relations division. 3268

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3269
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3270
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3271
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3272
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3273
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3274

annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3275
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3276
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3277
division, who request the services. 3278

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 3279
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 3280
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3281
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3282
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 3283
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3284
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3285
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3286
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3287
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3288
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3289
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3290
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3291
domestic relations division. 3292

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3293
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3294
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3295
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3296
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3297
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3298
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3299
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3300
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3301
division, who request the services. 3302

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 3303
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 3304

have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3305
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3306
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 3307
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3308
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3309
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3310
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 3311
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 3312
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 3313
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3314
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 3315
domestic relations division. 3316

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 3317
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 3318
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 3319
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 3320
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 3321
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3322
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 3323
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 3324
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 3325
division, who request the services. 3326

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 3327
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 3328
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 3329
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 3330
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 3331
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 3332
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 3333
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3334
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 3335

Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 3336
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3337
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3338
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3339
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 3340
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 3341
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 3342
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 3343
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 3344
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 3345
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 3346

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 3347
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3348
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3349
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3350
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3351
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3352
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3353
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3354
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3355
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3356
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3357
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3358
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3359
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3360
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3361
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3362

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 3363
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 3364
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3365
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3366

judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 3367
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3368
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3369
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3370
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3371
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3372
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3373
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3374
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3375
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3376
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3377
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3378
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3379
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3380
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3381

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3382
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3383
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3384
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3385
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3386
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3387
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3388
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3389
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3390
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3391
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3392
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3393
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3394
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3395
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3396

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 3397

pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 3398
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3399
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3400
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 3401
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3402
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3403
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3404
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3405
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3406
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3407
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3408
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3409
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3410
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3411
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3412
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3413
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3414
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3415

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3416
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3417
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3418
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3419
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3420
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3421
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3422
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3423
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3424
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3425
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3426
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3427
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3428

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3429
pending in the division, who request the services. 3430

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 3431
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3432
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3433
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3434
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 3435
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 3436
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3437
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3438
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3439
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3440
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3441
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3442
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3443
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3444
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3445
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3446
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 3447
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3448
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 3449
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3450
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 3451
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 3452
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 3453
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 3454
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 3455
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 3456
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 3457
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 3458
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 3459

action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3460
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3461
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3462
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 3463
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 3464

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 3465
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 3466
division and with the employment and supervision of the 3467
personnel of the division. 3468

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3469
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3470
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3471
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3472
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3473
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3474
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3475
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3476
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3477
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3478
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3479
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 3480
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3481
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 3482
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 3483
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 3484
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 3485
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 3486
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 3487
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 3488
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 3489
support for that child when the request for that order is not 3490

ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3491
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 3492
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 3493
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 3494
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 3495
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 3496
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 3497
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 3498
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 3499
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 3500

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 3501
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 3502
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3503
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3504
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 3505
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3506
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 3507
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 3508
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 3509
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3510
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 3511
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 3512
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 3513
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 3514
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 3515
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 3516
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 3517
and the judges of the general division. 3518

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 3519
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 3520
children services board and the county advisory board. 3521

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 3522
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 3523
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 3524
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 3525
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 3526
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 3527
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 3528
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 3529
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 3530
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 3531
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 3532
domestic relations of that court. 3533

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 3534
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 3535
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3536
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 3537
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 3538
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 3539
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 3540
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 3541
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3542
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3543
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3544
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3545
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 3546
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 3547
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 3548
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 3549
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 3550
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 3551
the personnel of the division. 3552

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3553
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3554
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3555
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 3556
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 3557
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 3558
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 3559
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 3560
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 3561
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 3562
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 3563
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 3564
conciliation services that the division makes available to 3565
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 3566
pending in the division, who request the services. 3567

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 3568
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 3569
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 3570
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 3571
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 3572
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 3573
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 3574
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 3575
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3576
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 3577
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 3578
duties. 3579

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 3580
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 3581
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3582
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3583

as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 3584
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 3585
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 3586
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 3587
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 3588
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 3589
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3590
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3591
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3592
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3593
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3594
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3595
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3596
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3597
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 3598
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 3599
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 3600
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 3601
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 3602
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3603
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 3604
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 3605
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3606
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3607
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3608
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3609
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3610
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 3611
(Z) (1) of this section. 3612

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3613
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 3614

judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 3615
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 3616
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 3617
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 3618
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 3619
pleas of Marion county. 3620

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 3621
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3622
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 3623
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 3624
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3625
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 3626
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 3627
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 3628
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 3629
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 3630
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 3631
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 3632
common pleas of Marion county. 3633

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 3634
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3635
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3636
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3637
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 3638
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 3639
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3640
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3641
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3642
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3643
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3644
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3645

residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3646
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3647
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3648
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3649
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3650
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3651
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3652

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3653
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3654
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3655
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3656
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3657
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3658
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3659
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3660
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3661
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3662
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3663
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3664
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3665
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3666
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3667

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 3668
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3669
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3670
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3671
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 3672
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3673
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 3674
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3675
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3676

proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 3677
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 3678
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3679
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3680
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3681
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3682
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3683
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3684
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3685
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3686
the court of common pleas. 3687

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 3688
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 3689
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3690
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3691
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 3692
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 3693
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 3694
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 3695
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3696
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3697
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3698
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3699
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3700
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3701
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 3702
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3703
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3704
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3705
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 3706
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3707

January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 3708
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 3709
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3710
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 3711
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 3712
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3713
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3714
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3715
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3716
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 3717
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 3718
section. 3719

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 3720
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 3721
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 3722
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 3723
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 3724
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 3725
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3726

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 3727
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 3728
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 3729
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 3730
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 3731
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 3732
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 3733
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 3734
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 3735
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 3736
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 3737
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3738

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 3739
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 3740
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 3741
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 3742
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3743
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3744
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 3745
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 3746
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 3747
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 3748
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3749
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3750
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3751
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3752
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3753
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3754
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3755
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3756
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3757
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 3758
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 3759
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3760
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 3761
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 3762
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 3763
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 3764
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 3765
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 3766
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 3767
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 3768
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3769
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 3770

section. 3771

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 3772
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3773
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 3774
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3775
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 3776
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3777
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 3778
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 3779
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3780
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 3781
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 3782
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 3783
probate division. 3784

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 3785
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 3786
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3787
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3788
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 3789
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3790
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 3791
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 3792
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 3793
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 3794
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3795
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 3796
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 3797
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 3798
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 3799
of common pleas. 3800

(FF) In Hardin county: 3801

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3802
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 3803
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3804
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3805
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 3806
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3807
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 3808
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 3809
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 3810
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3811
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3812
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 3813
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 3814
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3815
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3816
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3817
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3818
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3819
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3820
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3821
the court of common pleas. 3822

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3823
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 3824
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 3825
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 3826
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 3827
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3828
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3829

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3830

domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 3831
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 3832
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 3833
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 3834
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 3835
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 3836
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 3837
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 3838

Sec. 3794.09. Enforcement; Penalties. 3839

(A) Upon the receipt of a first report that a proprietor 3840
of a public place or place of employment or an individual has 3841
violated any provision of this chapter, the department of health 3842
or its designee shall investigate the report and, if it 3843
concludes that there was a violation, issue a warning letter to 3844
the proprietor or individual. 3845

(B) Upon a report of a second or subsequent violation of 3846
any provision of this chapter by a proprietor of a public place 3847
or place of employment or an individual, the department of 3848
health or its designee shall investigate the report. If the 3849
director of health or director's designee concludes, based on 3850
all of the information before ~~him or her~~ the director or the 3851
director's designee, that there was a violation, ~~he or she~~ the 3852
director or the director's designee shall impose a civil fine 3853
upon the proprietor or individual in accordance with the 3854
schedule of fines required to be promulgated under section 3855
3794.07 of ~~this chapter~~ the Revised Code. 3856

(C) Any proprietor or individual against whom a finding of 3857
a violation is made under this chapter may appeal the finding ~~to~~ 3858
~~the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Such appeal shall be~~ 3859
~~governed by the provisions of~~ in accordance with section 119.12 3860

of the Revised Code. 3861

(D) The director of health may institute an action in the 3862
court of common pleas seeking an order in equity against a 3863
proprietor or individual that has repeatedly violated the 3864
provisions of this chapter or fails to comply with its 3865
provisions. 3866

Sec. 3901.321. (A) For the purposes of this section: 3867

(1) "Acquiring party" means any person by whom or on whose 3868
behalf a merger or other acquisition of control is to be 3869
effected. 3870

(2) "Domestic insurer" includes any person controlling a 3871
domestic insurer unless the person, as determined by the 3872
superintendent of insurance, is either directly or through its 3873
affiliates primarily engaged in business other than the business 3874
of insurance. 3875

(3) "Person" does not include any securities broker 3876
holding, in the usual and customary broker's function, less than 3877
twenty per cent of the voting securities of an insurance company 3878
or of any person that controls an insurance company. 3879

(B) (1) Subject to compliance with division (B) (2) of this 3880
section, no person other than the issuer shall do any of the 3881
following if, as a result, the person would, directly or 3882
indirectly, including by means of conversion or the exercise of 3883
any right to acquire, be in control of a domestic insurer: 3884

(a) Make a tender offer for any voting security of a 3885
domestic insurer; 3886

(b) Make a request or invitation for tenders of any voting 3887
security of a domestic insurer; 3888

(c) Enter into any agreement to exchange securities of a 3889
domestic insurer; 3890

(d) Seek to acquire or acquire, in the open market or 3891
otherwise, any voting security of a domestic insurer; 3892

(e) Enter into an agreement to merge with, or otherwise to 3893
acquire control of, a domestic insurer. 3894

(2) (a) No person shall engage in any transaction described 3895
in division (B) (1) of this section, unless all of the following 3896
conditions are met: 3897

(i) The person has filed with the superintendent of 3898
insurance a statement containing the information required by 3899
division (C) of this section; 3900

(ii) The person has sent the statement to the domestic 3901
insurer; 3902

(iii) The offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 3903
acquisition has been approved by the superintendent in the 3904
manner provided in division (F) of this section. 3905

(b) The requirements of division (B) (2) (a) of this section 3906
shall be met at the time any offer, request, or invitation is 3907
made, or any agreement is entered into, or prior to the 3908
acquisition of the securities if no offer or agreement is 3909
involved. 3910

(3) Any controlling person of a domestic insurer seeking 3911
to divest its controlling interest in the domestic insurer shall 3912
file a confidential notice of its proposed divestiture with the 3913
superintendent at least thirty days prior to the cessation of 3914
control, and provide a copy of the confidential notice to the 3915
insurer. The superintendent may require the person seeking to 3916

divest the controlling interest to file for and obtain approval 3917
of the transaction. The information shall remain confidential 3918
until the conclusion of the transaction unless the 3919
superintendent, in the superintendent's discretion, determines 3920
that the confidential treatment will interfere with enforcement 3921
of this section. If the statement required by division (B) (2) of 3922
this section is otherwise filed with the superintendent in 3923
relation to all parties that acquire a controlling interest as a 3924
result of the divestiture, this division shall not apply. 3925

(C) The statement required by division (B) (2) of this 3926
section shall be made under oath or affirmation, and shall 3927
contain all of the following information: 3928

(1) The name and address of each acquiring party; 3929

(2) If the acquiring party is an individual, the 3930
individual's principal occupation and all offices and positions 3931
held during the past five years, and any conviction of crimes 3932
other than minor traffic violations during the past ten years; 3933

(3) If the acquiring party is not an individual, a report 3934
of the nature of its business operations during the past five 3935
years or for such lesser period as the acquiring party and any 3936
of its predecessors shall have been in existence; an informative 3937
description of the business intended to be done by the acquiring 3938
party and the acquiring party's subsidiaries; and a list of all 3939
individuals who are or who have been selected to become 3940
directors or executive officers of the acquiring party, who 3941
perform or will perform functions appropriate to such positions. 3942
The list shall include for each individual the information 3943
required by division (C) (2) of this section. 3944

(4) The source, nature, and amount of the consideration 3945

used or to be used in effecting the merger or other acquisition 3946
of control, a description of any transaction in which funds were 3947
or are to be obtained for any such purpose, including any pledge 3948
of the domestic insurer's stock, or the stock of any of its 3949
subsidiaries or controlling affiliates, and the identity of 3950
persons furnishing such consideration; 3951

(5) Fully audited financial information as to the earnings 3952
and financial condition of each acquiring party for its 3953
preceding five fiscal years, or for such lesser period as the 3954
acquiring party and any of its predecessors shall have been in 3955
existence, and similar unaudited information as of a date not 3956
earlier than ninety days prior to the filing of the statement; 3957

(6) Any plans or proposals which each acquiring party may 3958
have to liquidate such domestic insurer, to sell its assets or 3959
merge or consolidate it with any person, or to make any other 3960
material change in its business or corporate structure or 3961
management; 3962

(7) The number of shares of any security of such issuer or 3963
such controlling person that each acquiring party proposes to 3964
acquire, and the terms of the offer, request, invitation, 3965
agreement, or acquisition, and a statement as to the method by 3966
which the fairness of the proposal was determined; 3967

(8) The amount of each class of any security of such 3968
issuer or such controlling person which is beneficially owned or 3969
concerning which there is a right to acquire beneficial 3970
ownership by each acquiring party; 3971

(9) A full description of any contracts, arrangements, or 3972
understandings with respect to any security of such issuer or 3973
such controlling person in which any acquiring party is 3974

involved, including but not limited to transfer of any of the 3975
securities, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or 3976
calls, guarantees of loans, guarantees against loss or 3977
guarantees of profits, division of losses or profits, or the 3978
giving or withholding of proxies. The description shall identify 3979
the persons with whom such contracts, arrangements, or 3980
understandings have been made. 3981

(10) A description of the purchase of any security of such 3982
issuer or such controlling person during the year preceding the 3983
filing of the statement, by any acquiring party, including the 3984
dates of purchase, names of the purchasers, and consideration 3985
paid or agreed to be paid therefor; 3986

(11) A description of any recommendations to purchase any 3987
security of such issuer or such controlling person made during 3988
the year preceding the filing of the statement, by any acquiring 3989
party, or by anyone based upon interviews or at the suggestion 3990
of the acquiring party; 3991

(12) Copies of all tender offers for, requests, or 3992
invitations for tenders of, exchange offers for, and agreements 3993
to acquire or exchange any securities of such issuer or such 3994
controlling person, and, if distributed, of additional 3995
solicitation material relating thereto; 3996

(13) The terms of any agreement, contract, or 3997
understanding made with or proposed to be made with any broker 3998
or dealer as to solicitation of securities of such issuer or 3999
such controlling person for tender, and the amount of any fees, 4000
commissions, or other compensation to be paid to brokers or 4001
dealers with regard thereto; 4002

(14) With respect to proposed affiliations between 4003

depository institutions or any affiliate thereof, within the 4004
meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley 4005
Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), and a domestic 4006
insurer, the proposed effective date of the acquisition or 4007
change of control; 4008

(15) An agreement by the person required to file the 4009
statement required by division (B) of this section that the 4010
person will provide the annual registration required by division 4011
(K) of section 3901.33 of the Revised Code for so long as the 4012
person has control of the domestic insurer; 4013

(16) An acknowledgment by the person required to file the 4014
statement required by division (B) of this section that the 4015
person and all subsidiaries within the person's control in the 4016
insurance holding company system will provide information to the 4017
superintendent upon request as necessary to evaluate enterprise 4018
risk to the insurer; 4019

(17) Such additional information as the superintendent may 4020
by rule prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the protection 4021
of policyholders of the domestic insurer or in the public 4022
interest. 4023

(D) (1) If the person required to file the statement 4024
required by division (B) (2) of this section is a partnership, 4025
limited partnership, syndicate, or other group, the 4026
superintendent may require that the information required by 4027
division (C) of this section be furnished with respect to each 4028
partner of such partnership or limited partnership, each member 4029
of such syndicate or group, and each person that controls such 4030
partner or member. If any such partner, member, or person is a 4031
corporation, or the person required to file the statement is a 4032
corporation, the superintendent may require that the information 4033

required by division (C) of this section be furnished with 4034
respect to the corporation, each officer and director of the 4035
corporation, and each person that is directly or indirectly the 4036
beneficial owner of more than ten per cent of the outstanding 4037
voting securities of the corporation. 4038

(2) If any material change occurs in the facts set forth 4039
in the statement required by division (B)(2) of this section, an 4040
amendment setting forth such change, together with copies of all 4041
documents and other material relevant to the change, shall be 4042
filed with the superintendent by the person subject to division 4043
(B)(2) of this section and sent to the domestic insurer within 4044
two business days after such person learns of the occurrence of 4045
the material change. 4046

(E) If any offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4047
acquisition described in division (B)(1) of this section is 4048
proposed to be made by means of a registration statement under 4049
the "Securities Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 74, 15 U.S.C.A. 78a, or 4050
in circumstances requiring the disclosure of similar information 4051
under the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," 48 Stat. 881, 15 4052
U.S.C.A. 78a, or under a state law requiring similar 4053
registration or disclosure, the person required to file the 4054
statement required by division (B)(2) of this section may use 4055
such documents in furnishing the information required by that 4056
statement. 4057

(F)(1) The superintendent shall approve any merger or 4058
other acquisition of control described in division (B)(1) of 4059
this section unless, after a public hearing, the superintendent 4060
finds that any of the following apply: 4061

(a) After the change of control, the domestic insurer 4062
would not be able to satisfy the requirements for the issuance 4063

of a license to write the line or lines of insurance for which 4064
it is presently licensed; 4065

(b) The effect of the merger or other acquisition of 4066
control would be substantially to lessen competition in 4067
insurance in this state or tend to create a monopoly; 4068

(c) The financial condition of any acquiring party is such 4069
as might jeopardize the financial stability of the domestic 4070
insurer, or prejudice the interests of its policyholders; 4071

(d) The plans or proposals that the acquiring party has to 4072
liquidate the domestic insurer, sell its assets, or consolidate 4073
or merge it with any person, or to make any other material 4074
change in its business or corporate structure or management, are 4075
unfair and unreasonable to policyholders of the domestic insurer 4076
and not in the public interest; 4077

(e) The competence, experience, and integrity of those 4078
persons that would control the operation of the domestic insurer 4079
are such that it would not be in the interest of policyholders 4080
of the domestic insurer and of the public to permit the merger 4081
or other acquisition of control; 4082

(f) The acquisition is likely to be hazardous or 4083
prejudicial to the insurance-buying public. 4084

(2) (a) Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, except for 4085
section 119.09 of the Revised Code, applies to any hearing held 4086
under division (F) (1) of this section, including the notice of 4087
the hearing, the conduct of the hearing, the orders issued 4088
pursuant to it, the review of the orders, and all other matters 4089
relating to the holding of the hearing, but only to the extent 4090
that Chapter 119. of the Revised Code is not inconsistent or in 4091
conflict with this section. 4092

(b) The notice of a hearing required under this division 4093
shall be transmitted by personal service, certified mail, e- 4094
mail, or any other method designed to ensure and confirm receipt 4095
of the notice, to the persons and addresses designated to 4096
receive notices and correspondence in the information statement 4097
filed under division (B)(2) of this section. Confirmation of 4098
receipt of the notice, including electronic "Read Receipt" 4099
confirmation, shall constitute evidence of compliance with the 4100
requirement of this section. The notice of hearing shall include 4101
the reasons for the proposed action and a statement informing 4102
the acquiring party that the party is entitled to a hearing. The 4103
notice also shall inform the acquiring party that at the hearing 4104
the acquiring party may appear in person, by attorney, or by 4105
such other representative as is permitted to practice before the 4106
superintendent, or that the acquiring party may present its 4107
position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the 4108
hearing the acquiring party may present evidence and examine 4109
witnesses appearing for and against the acquiring party. A copy 4110
of the notice also shall be transmitted to attorneys or other 4111
representatives of record representing the acquiring party. 4112

(c) The hearing shall be held at the offices of the 4113
superintendent within ten calendar days, but not earlier than 4114
seven calendar days, of the date of transmission of the notice 4115
of hearing by any means, unless it is postponed or continued; 4116
but in no event shall the hearing be held unless notice is 4117
received at least three days prior to the hearing. The 4118
superintendent may postpone or continue the hearing upon receipt 4119
of a written request by an acquiring party, or upon the 4120
superintendent's motion, provided, however, a hearing in 4121
connection with a proposed change of control involving a 4122
depository institution or any affiliate thereof, within the 4123

meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley 4124
Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), and a domestic 4125
insurer, may be postponed or continued only upon the request of 4126
an acquiring party, or upon the superintendent's motion when the 4127
acquiring party agrees in writing to extend the sixty-day period 4128
provided for in section 104(c) of the "Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act," 4129
by a number of days equal to the number of days of such 4130
postponement or continuance. 4131

(d) For the purpose of conducting any hearing held under 4132
this section, the superintendent may require the attendance of 4133
such witnesses and the production of such books, records, and 4134
papers as the superintendent desires, and may take the 4135
depositions of witnesses residing within or without the state in 4136
the same manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of 4137
depositions in civil actions in the court of common pleas, and 4138
for that purpose the superintendent may, and upon the request of 4139
an acquiring party shall, issue a subpoena for any witnesses or 4140
a subpoena duces tecum to compel the production of any books, 4141
records, or papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where 4142
such witness resides or is found, which shall be served and 4143
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 4144
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 4145
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 4146
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 4147
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. Fees and mileage shall be 4148
paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 4149
superintendent in the same manner as other expenses of the 4150
superintendent are paid. In any case of disobedience or neglect 4151
of any subpoena served on any person or the refusal of any 4152
witness to testify in any matter regarding which the witness may 4153
lawfully be interrogated, the court of common pleas of any 4154

county where such disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or 4155
any judge thereof, on application by the superintendent, shall 4156
compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in 4157
the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena 4158
issued from the court or a refusal to testify therein. 4159

In any hearing held under this section, a record of the 4160
testimony, as provided by stenographic means or by use of audio 4161
electronic recording devices, as determined by the 4162
superintendent, and other evidence submitted shall be taken at 4163
the expense of the superintendent. The record shall include all 4164
of the testimony and other evidence, and rulings on the 4165
admissibility thereof, presented at the hearing. 4166

The superintendent shall pass upon the admissibility of 4167
evidence, but a party to the proceedings may at that time object 4168
to the rulings of the superintendent, and if the superintendent 4169
refuses to admit evidence, the party offering the evidence shall 4170
proffer the evidence. The proffer shall be made a part of the 4171
record of the hearing. 4172

In any hearing held under this section, the superintendent 4173
may call any person to testify under oath as upon cross- 4174
examination. The superintendent, or any one delegated by the 4175
superintendent to conduct a hearing, may administer oaths or 4176
affirmations. 4177

In any hearing under this section, the superintendent may 4178
appoint a hearing officer to conduct the hearing; the hearing 4179
officer has the same powers and authority in conducting the 4180
hearing as is granted to the superintendent. The hearing officer 4181
shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the state and 4182
be possessed of any additional qualifications as the 4183
superintendent requires. The hearing officer shall submit to the 4184

superintendent a written report setting forth the hearing 4185
officer's finding of fact and conclusions of law and a 4186
recommendation of the action to be taken by the superintendent. 4187
A copy of the written report and recommendation shall, within 4188
seven days of the date of filing thereof, be served upon the 4189
acquiring party or the acquiring party's attorney or other 4190
representative of record, by personal service, certified mail, 4191
electronic mail, or any other method designed to ensure and 4192
confirm receipt of the report. The acquiring party may, within 4193
three days of receipt of the copy of the written report and 4194
recommendation, file with the superintendent written objections 4195
to the report and recommendation, which objections the 4196
superintendent shall consider before approving, modifying, or 4197
disapproving the recommendation. The superintendent may grant 4198
extensions of time to the acquiring party within which to file 4199
such objections. No recommendation of the hearing officer shall 4200
be approved, modified, or disapproved by the superintendent 4201
until after three days following the service of the report and 4202
recommendation as provided in this section. The superintendent 4203
may order additional testimony to be taken or permit the 4204
introduction of further documentary evidence. The superintendent 4205
may approve, modify, or disapprove the recommendation of the 4206
hearing officer, and the order of the superintendent based on 4207
the report, recommendation, transcript of testimony, and 4208
evidence, or the objections of the acquiring party, and 4209
additional testimony and evidence shall have the same effect as 4210
if the hearing had been conducted by the superintendent. No such 4211
recommendation is final until confirmed and approved by the 4212
superintendent as indicated by the order entered in the record 4213
of proceedings, and if the superintendent modifies or 4214
disapproves the recommendations of the hearing officer, the 4215
reasons for the modification or disapproval shall be included in 4216

the record of proceedings. 4217

After the order is entered, the superintendent shall 4218
transmit in the manner and by any of the methods set forth in 4219
division (F)(2)(b) of this section a certified copy of the order 4220
and a statement of the time and method by which an appeal may be 4221
perfected. A copy of the order shall be mailed to the attorneys 4222
or other representatives of record representing the acquiring 4223
party. 4224

(e) An order of disapproval issued by the superintendent 4225
may be appealed to the court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ 4226
in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code by filing 4227
a notice of appeal with the superintendent and a copy of the 4228
notice of appeal with the court, within fifteen calendar days 4229
after the transmittal of the copy of the order of disapproval. 4230
The notice of appeal shall set forth the order appealed from and 4231
the grounds for appeal, in accordance with section 119.12 of the 4232
Revised Code. 4233

(3) The superintendent may retain at the acquiring party's 4234
expense any attorneys, actuaries, accountants, and other experts 4235
not otherwise a part of the superintendent's staff as may be 4236
reasonably necessary to assist the superintendent in reviewing 4237
the proposed acquisition of control. 4238

(G) This section does not apply to either of the 4239
following: 4240

(1) Any transaction that is subject to section 3921.14, or 4241
sections 3925.27 to 3925.31, 3941.35 to 3941.46, or section 4242
3953.19 of the Revised Code; 4243

(2) Any offer, request, invitation, agreement, or 4244
acquisition that the superintendent by order exempts from this 4245

section on either of the following bases: 4246

(a) It has not been made or entered into for the purpose 4247
and does not have the effect of changing or influencing the 4248
control of a domestic insurer; 4249

(b) It is not otherwise comprehended within the purposes 4250
of this section. 4251

(H) Nothing in this section or in any other section of 4252
Title XXXIX of the Revised Code shall be construed to impair the 4253
authority of the attorney general to investigate or prosecute 4254
actions under any state or federal antitrust law with respect to 4255
any merger or other acquisition involving domestic insurers. 4256

(I) In connection with a proposed change of control 4257
involving a depository institution or any affiliate thereof, 4258
within the meaning of Title I, section 104(c) of the "Gramm- 4259
Leach-Bliley Act," Pub. L. No. 106-102, 113 Stat. 1338 (1999), 4260
and a domestic insurer, not later than sixty days after the date 4261
of the notification of the proposed change in control submitted 4262
pursuant to division (B) (2) of this section, the superintendent 4263
shall make any determination that the person acquiring control 4264
of the insurer shall maintain or restore the capital of the 4265
insurer to the level required by the laws and regulations of 4266
this state. 4267

Sec. 3913.13. Any policyholder adversely affected by an 4268
order of the superintendent of insurance pursuant to division 4269
(F) of section 3913.11 of the Revised Code, may appeal to the 4270
court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ pursuant to section 4271
119.12 of the Revised Code. 4272

Sec. 3913.23. Any policyholder adversely affected by an 4273
order of the superintendent of insurance pursuant to division 4274

(F) of section 3913.21 of the Revised Code, may appeal to the 4275
court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ pursuant to section 4276
119.12 of the Revised Code. 4277

Sec. 5101.35. (A) As used in this section: 4278

(1) (a) "Agency" means the following entities that 4279
administer a family services program: 4280

(i) The department of job and family services; 4281

(ii) A county department of job and family services; 4282

(iii) A public children services agency; 4283

(iv) A private or government entity administering, in 4284
whole or in part, a family services program for or on behalf of 4285
the department of job and family services or a county department 4286
of job and family services or public children services agency. 4287

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the 4288
department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized 4289
by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical 4290
assistance programs, "agency" includes the department of 4291
medicaid. 4292

(2) "Appellant" means an applicant, participant, former 4293
participant, recipient, or former recipient of a family services 4294
program who is entitled by federal or state law to a hearing 4295
regarding a decision or order of the agency that administers the 4296
program. 4297

(3) (a) "Family services program" means all of the 4298
following: 4299

(i) A Title IV-A program as defined in section 5101.80 of 4300
the Revised Code; 4301

(ii) Programs that provide assistance under Chapter 5104. 4302
of the Revised Code; 4303

(iii) Programs that provide assistance under section 4304
5101.141, 5101.461, 5101.54, 5119.41, 5153.163, or 5153.165 of 4305
the Revised Code; 4306

(iv) Title XX social services provided under section 4307
5101.46 of the Revised Code, other than such services provided 4308
by the department of mental health and addiction services, the 4309
department of developmental disabilities, a board of alcohol, 4310
drug addiction, and mental health services, or a county board of 4311
developmental disabilities. 4312

(b) If the department of medicaid contracts with the 4313
department of job and family services to hear appeals authorized 4314
by section 5160.31 of the Revised Code regarding medical 4315
assistance programs, "family services program" includes medical 4316
assistance programs. 4317

(4) "Medical assistance program" has the same meaning as 4318
in section 5160.01 of the Revised Code. 4319

(B) Except as provided by divisions (G) and (H) of this 4320
section, an appellant who appeals under federal or state law a 4321
decision or order of an agency administering a family services 4322
program shall, at the appellant's request, be granted a state 4323
hearing by the department of job and family services. This state 4324
hearing shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted 4325
under this section. The state hearing shall be recorded, but 4326
neither the recording nor a transcript of the recording shall be 4327
part of the official record of the proceeding. Except as 4328
provided in section 5160.31 of the Revised Code, a state hearing 4329
decision is binding upon the agency and department, unless it is 4330

reversed or modified on appeal to the director of job and family 4331
services or a court of common pleas. 4332

(C) Except as provided by division (G) of this section, an 4333
appellant who disagrees with a state hearing decision may make 4334
an administrative appeal to the director of job and family 4335
services in accordance with rules adopted under this section. 4336
This administrative appeal does not require a hearing, but the 4337
director or the director's designee shall review the state 4338
hearing decision and previous administrative action and may 4339
affirm, modify, remand, or reverse the state hearing decision. 4340
An administrative appeal decision is the final decision of the 4341
department and, except as provided in section 5160.31 of the 4342
Revised Code, is binding upon the department and agency, unless 4343
it is reversed or modified on appeal to the court of common 4344
pleas. 4345

(D) An agency shall comply with a decision issued pursuant 4346
to division (B) or (C) of this section within the time limits 4347
established by rules adopted under this section. If a county 4348
department of job and family services or a public children 4349
services agency fails to comply within these time limits, the 4350
department may take action pursuant to section 5101.24 of the 4351
Revised Code. If another agency, other than the department of 4352
medicaid, fails to comply within the time limits, the department 4353
may force compliance by withholding funds due the agency or 4354
imposing another sanction established by rules adopted under 4355
this section. 4356

(E) An appellant who disagrees with an administrative 4357
appeal decision of the director of job and family services or 4358
the director's designee issued under division (C) of this 4359
section may appeal from the decision to the court of common 4360

pleas pursuant to section 119.12 of the Revised Code. The appeal 4361
shall be governed by section 119.12 of the Revised Code except 4362
that: 4363

~~(1) The person may appeal to the court of common pleas of 4364
the county in which the person resides, or to the court of 4365
common pleas of Franklin county if the person does not reside in 4366
this state. 4367~~

~~(2)~~ The person may apply to the court for designation as 4368
an indigent and, if the court grants this application, the 4369
appellant shall not be required to furnish the costs of the 4370
appeal. 4371

~~(3)~~ (2) The appellant shall mail the notice of appeal to 4372
the department of job and family services and file notice of 4373
appeal with the court within thirty days after the department 4374
mails the administrative appeal decision to the appellant. For 4375
good cause shown, the court may extend the time for mailing and 4376
filing notice of appeal, but such time shall not exceed six 4377
months from the date the department mails the administrative 4378
appeal decision. Filing notice of appeal with the court shall be 4379
the only act necessary to vest jurisdiction in the court. 4380

~~(4)~~ (3) The department shall be required to file a 4381
transcript of the testimony of the state hearing with the court 4382
only if the court orders the department to file the transcript. 4383
The court shall make such an order only if it finds that the 4384
department and the appellant are unable to stipulate to the 4385
facts of the case and that the transcript is essential to a 4386
determination of the appeal. The department shall file the 4387
transcript not later than thirty days after the day such an 4388
order is issued. 4389

(F) The department of job and family services shall adopt 4390
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 4391
implement this section, including rules governing the following: 4392

(1) State hearings under division (B) of this section. The 4393
rules shall include provisions regarding notice of eligibility 4394
termination and the opportunity of an appellant appealing a 4395
decision or order of a county department of job and family 4396
services to request a county conference with the county 4397
department before the state hearing is held. 4398

(2) Administrative appeals under division (C) of this 4399
section; 4400

(3) Time limits for complying with a decision issued under 4401
division (B) or (C) of this section; 4402

(4) Sanctions that may be applied against an agency under 4403
division (D) of this section. 4404

(G) The department of job and family services may adopt 4405
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 4406
establishing an appeals process for an appellant who appeals a 4407
decision or order regarding a Title IV-A program identified 4408
under division (A) (4) (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of section 4409
5101.80 of the Revised Code that is different from the appeals 4410
process established by this section. The different appeals 4411
process may include having a state agency that administers the 4412
Title IV-A program pursuant to an interagency agreement entered 4413
into under section 5101.801 of the Revised Code administer the 4414
appeals process. 4415

(H) If an appellant receiving medicaid through a health 4416
insuring corporation that holds a certificate of authority under 4417
Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code is appealing a denial of 4418

medicaid services based on lack of medical necessity or other 4419
clinical issues regarding coverage by the health insuring 4420
corporation, the person hearing the appeal may order an 4421
independent medical review if that person determines that a 4422
review is necessary. The review shall be performed by a health 4423
care professional with appropriate clinical expertise in 4424
treating the recipient's condition or disease. The department 4425
shall pay the costs associated with the review. 4426

A review ordered under this division shall be part of the 4427
record of the hearing and shall be given appropriate evidentiary 4428
consideration by the person hearing the appeal. 4429

(I) The requirements of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 4430
apply to a state hearing or administrative appeal under this 4431
section only to the extent, if any, specifically provided by 4432
rules adopted under this section. 4433

Sec. 5164.38. (A) As used in this section: 4434

(1) "Party" has the same meaning as in division (G) of 4435
section 119.01 of the Revised Code. 4436

(2) "Revalidate" means to approve a medicaid provider's 4437
continued enrollment as a medicaid provider in accordance with 4438
the revalidation process established in rules authorized by 4439
section 5164.32 of the Revised Code. 4440

(B) This section does not apply to either of the 4441
following: 4442

(1) Any action taken or decision made by the department of 4443
medicaid with respect to entering into or refusing to enter into 4444
a contract with a managed care organization pursuant to section 4445
5167.10 of the Revised Code; 4446

(2) Any action taken by the department under division (D) 4447
(2) of section 5124.60, division (D)(1) or (2) of section 4448
5124.61, or sections 5165.60 to 5165.89 of the Revised Code. 4449

(C) Except as provided in division (E) of this section and 4450
section 5164.58 of the Revised Code, the department shall do any 4451
of the following by issuing an order pursuant to an adjudication 4452
conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code: 4453

(1) Refuse to enter into a provider agreement with a 4454
medicaid provider; 4455

(2) Refuse to revalidate a medicaid provider's provider 4456
agreement; 4457

(3) Suspend or terminate a medicaid provider's provider 4458
agreement; 4459

(4) Take any action based upon a final fiscal audit of a 4460
medicaid provider. 4461

(D) Any party who is adversely affected by the issuance of 4462
an adjudication order under division (C) of this section may 4463
appeal to the court of common pleas ~~of Franklin county~~ in 4464
accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised Code. 4465

(E) The department is not required to comply with division 4466
(C)(1), (2), or (3) of this section whenever any of the 4467
following occur: 4468

(1) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid 4469
provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain a 4470
certification issued by an official, board, commission, 4471
department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or 4472
federal government other than the department of medicaid, and 4473
the license, permit, certificate, or certification has been 4474

denied, revoked, not renewed, suspended, or otherwise limited. 4475

(2) The terms of a provider agreement require the medicaid 4476
provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate or maintain 4477
certification issued by an official, board, commission, 4478
department, division, bureau, or other agency of state or 4479
federal government other than the department of medicaid, and 4480
the provider has not obtained the license, permit, certificate, 4481
or certification. 4482

(3) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4483
agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is 4484
terminated or not revalidated, because of or pursuant to any of 4485
the following: 4486

(a) The termination, refusal to renew, or denial of a 4487
license, permit, certificate, or certification by an official, 4488
board, commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency 4489
of this state other than the department of medicaid, 4490
notwithstanding the fact that the provider may hold a license, 4491
permit, certificate, or certification from an official, board, 4492
commission, department, division, bureau, or other agency of 4493
another state; 4494

(b) Division (D) or (E) of section 5164.35 of the Revised 4495
Code; 4496

(c) The provider's termination, suspension, or exclusion 4497
from the medicare program or from another state's medicaid 4498
program and, in either case, the termination, suspension, or 4499
exclusion is binding on the provider's participation in the 4500
medicaid program in this state; 4501

(d) The provider's pleading guilty to or being convicted 4502
of a criminal activity materially related to either the medicare 4503

or medicaid program; 4504

(e) The provider or its owner, officer, authorized agent, 4505
associate, manager, or employee having been convicted of one of 4506
the offenses that caused the provider's provider agreement to be 4507
suspended pursuant to section 5164.36 of the Revised Code; 4508

(f) The provider's failure to provide the department the 4509
national provider identifier assigned the provider by the 4510
national provider system pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 162.408. 4511

(4) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4512
agreement is denied, or the provider's provider agreement is 4513
terminated or suspended, as a result of action by the United 4514
States department of health and human services and that action 4515
is binding on the provider's medicaid participation. 4516

(5) The medicaid provider's provider agreement and 4517
medicaid payments to the provider are suspended under section 4518
5164.36 or 5164.37 of the Revised Code. 4519

(6) The medicaid provider's application for a provider 4520
agreement is denied because the provider's application was not 4521
complete; 4522

(7) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is 4523
converted under section 5164.32 of the Revised Code from a 4524
provider agreement that is not time-limited to a provider 4525
agreement that is time-limited. 4526

(8) Unless the medicaid provider is a nursing facility or 4527
ICF/IID, the provider's provider agreement is not revalidated 4528
pursuant to division (B)(1) of section 5164.32 of the Revised 4529
Code. 4530

(9) The medicaid provider's provider agreement is 4531

suspended, terminated, or not revalidated because of either of 4532
the following: 4533

(a) Any reason authorized or required by one or more of 4534
the following: 42 C.F.R. 455.106, 455.23, 455.416, 455.434, or 4535
455.450; 4536

(b) The provider has not billed or otherwise submitted a 4537
medicaid claim for two years or longer. 4538

(F) In the case of a medicaid provider described in 4539
division (E) (3) (f), (6), (7), or (9) (b) of this section, the 4540
department may take its action by sending a notice explaining 4541
the action to the provider. The notice shall be sent to the 4542
medicaid provider's address on record with the department. The 4543
notice may be sent by regular mail. 4544

(G) The department may withhold payments for medicaid 4545
services rendered by a medicaid provider during the pendency of 4546
proceedings initiated under division (C) (1), (2), or (3) of this 4547
section. If the proceedings are initiated under division (C) (4) 4548
of this section, the department may withhold payments only to 4549
the extent that they equal amounts determined in a final fiscal 4550
audit as being due the state. This division does not apply if 4551
the department fails to comply with section 119.07 of the 4552
Revised Code, requests a continuance of the hearing, or does not 4553
issue a decision within thirty days after the hearing is 4554
completed. This division does not apply to nursing facilities 4555
and ICFs/IID. 4556

Section 2. That existing sections 109.02, 119.12, 124.34, 4557
956.11, 956.15, 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.021, 1901.041, 1901.08, 4558
1901.31, 1907.11, 2301.03, 3794.09, 3901.321, 3913.13, 3913.23, 4559
5101.35, and 5164.38 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 4560

Section 3. (A) All cases arising in Perry Township in Wood 4561
County that are pending in the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin- 4562
Fostoria Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, shall be 4563
adjudicated by the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria 4564
Municipal Court. All cases arising in Perry Township in Wood 4565
County on or after January 2, 2024, shall be brought before the 4566
Bowling Green Municipal Court. 4567

(B) All cases arising in Washington Township in Hancock 4568
County that are pending in the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin- 4569
Fostoria Municipal Court on January 2, 2024, shall be 4570
adjudicated by the Fostoria branch of the Tiffin-Fostoria 4571
Municipal Court. All cases arising in Washington Township in 4572
Hancock County on or after January 2, 2024, shall be brought 4573
before the Findlay Municipal Court. 4574

(C) All cases that are pending in the Tenth District Court 4575
of Appeals on the effective date of this section and that were 4576
appropriately filed in that court shall be adjudicated by the 4577
Tenth District Court of Appeals. All cases that, prior to the 4578
effective date of this section, would have been solely within 4579
the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District Court of 4580
Appeals, and that on the effective date of this section are 4581
pending in a common pleas court that is an appropriate venue and 4582
are not pending in the Tenth District Court of Appeals, shall be 4583
adjudicated by that court of common pleas and shall remain 4584
solely within the jurisdiction on appeal of the Tenth District 4585
Court of Appeals, on and after the effective date of this 4586
section. 4587

(D) If, on or after the effective date of this section, a 4588
court of appeals other than the Tenth District Court of Appeals 4589
or a court of common pleas within the territory of a court of 4590

appeals other than the Tenth District Court of Appeals is 4591
considering any matter that, prior to the effective date of this 4592
section, would have been solely within the jurisdiction on 4593
appeal of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, all of the 4594
following apply: 4595

(1) The court of appeals or court of common pleas 4596
considering the matter may consider judicial decisions of the 4597
Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and the Tenth District 4598
Court of Appeals that were decided prior to the effective date 4599
of this section in deciding the matter. 4600

(2) The judicial decisions of the Franklin County Court of 4601
Common Pleas and the Tenth District Court of Appeals that were 4602
decided prior to the effective date of this section are not 4603
binding on the court of appeals or court of common pleas 4604
considering the matter. 4605

(3) The court of appeals or court of common pleas 4606
considering the matter is not required to issue any findings of 4607
fact explaining why the court, in deciding the matter, did not 4608
consider or follow any precedent on the matter set forth in any 4609
judicial decision of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas 4610
or the Tenth District Court of Appeals. 4611

Section 4. The General Assembly, applying the principle 4612
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 4613
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 4614
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 4615
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 4616
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 4617
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 4618
as presented in this act: 4619

Section 119.12 of the Revised Code as amended by both H.B.	4620
52 and H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly.	4621
Section 1901.31 of the Revised Code as amended by both	4622
H.B. 343 and H.B. 518 of the 134th General Assembly.	4623