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A BILL

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027,
1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the
Revised Code to expand the jurisdiction of the
Portage County Domestic Relations Court, to
abolish the East Liverpool Municipal Court in
Columbiana County, and to add one judge to the
Fairborn Municipal Court.

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.027,
1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake,
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton,
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati,
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut,
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East

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

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 36
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 37
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 38
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 39
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 40
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 41
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 42
this division. 43

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 44
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 45
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 46
county, ~~except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or~~ 47
~~Liverpool or St. Clair township,~~ that is selected by the judges 48
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 49

1901.021 of the Revised Code. 50

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 51
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 52
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 53
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 54
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 55
authority of that court. 56

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 57
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 58
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 59

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 60
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 61

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 62
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 63
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 64
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 65
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 66
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 67
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 68
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 69

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 70
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 71
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 72
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 73
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 74
legislative authority of that court. 75

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 76
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 77
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 78

for the Clermont county municipal court, ~~the Columbiana county~~ 79
~~municipal court,~~ and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 80
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 81
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 82
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 83
" _____ municipal court," inserting 84
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 85
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 86

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 87
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 88
court"; 89

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 90
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 91
court"; 92

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 93
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 94

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

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

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 99
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 100

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 101
be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 102

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall 103
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 104

(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that 105
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal 106

court"; 107

(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 108
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 109

(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall 110
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 111

(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall 112
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 113

(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall 114
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 115

(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall 116
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 117

(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 118
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 119

(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall 120
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 121

(17) The municipal court established within Clermont 122
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or 123
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected 124
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled 125
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 126

(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 127
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the 128
"Clinton county municipal court"; 129

(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 130
shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal 131
court"; 132

(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 133

beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 134
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 135

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana 136
county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or 137
unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of 138
section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and 139
known as the "Columbiana county municipal court"; 140

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 141
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 142
"Brown county municipal court"; 143

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 144
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 145
"Morrow county municipal court"; 146

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 147
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the 148
"Darke county municipal court"; 149

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 150
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 151
"Holmes county municipal court"; 152

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 153
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 154
"Carroll county municipal court"; 155

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 156
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 157
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 158
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 159
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 160
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 161
court"; 162

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 163
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 164
"Putnam county municipal court"; 165

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 166
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 167
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 168
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 169
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 170
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 171
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 172
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 173
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 174

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 175
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 176
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 177
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 178
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 179
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 180
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 181

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 182
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 183
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 184

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 185
that, beginning January 1, 2018, shall be styled and known as 186
the "Perry county municipal court"; 187

(33) The municipal court established in Paulding that, 188
beginning January 1, 2020, shall be styled and known as the 189
"Paulding county municipal court." 190

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division 191

(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section 192
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 193

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 194
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 195
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 196
county. 197

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 198
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 199
county. 200

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within 201
Ashland county. 202

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 203
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 204

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 205
Athens county. 206

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction 207
within Auglaize county. 208

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 209
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 210

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 211
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 212
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, 213
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in 214
Summit county. 215

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the 216
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, 217
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, 218
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within 219

Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	220
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	221
Logan county.	222
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	223
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	224
in Sandusky county.	225
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	226
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	227
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	228
township, in Cuyahoga county.	229
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	230
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	231
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	232
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	233
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	234
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	235
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	236
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	237
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal	238
court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	239
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	240
county.	241
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	242
Guernsey county.	243
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	244
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	245
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	246
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	247

Stark county.	248
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	249
Carroll county.	250
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	251
county.	252
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction	253
within Champaign county.	254
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	255
county.	256
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within	257
Ross county.	258
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within	259
Pickaway county.	260
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	261
Clark county.	262
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction	263
within Clermont county.	264
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	265
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	266
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	267
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	268
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction	269
within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	270
corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and	271
St. Clair townships.	272
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	273
Coshocton county.	274

The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction	275
within Crawford county.	276
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal	277
court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	278
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the	279
municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls,	280
Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow,	281
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	282
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal	283
court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the	284
municipal corporation of Bradford.	285
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within	286
Defiance county.	287
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within	288
Delaware county.	289
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	290
Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	291
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble	292
county.	293
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the	294
municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North	295
Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia,	296
Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	297
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	298
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	299
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	300
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	301
Vermilion.	302

The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	303
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and	304
Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	305
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	306
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	307
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	308
Hancock county except within Washington township.	309
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	310
Franklin township in Warren county.	311
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	312
within Franklin county.	313
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	314
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	315
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	316
Gallia county.	317
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	318
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	319
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	320
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	321
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	322
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	323
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	324
and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	325
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	326
within Hamilton county.	327
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	328
Hardin county.	329

The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	330
of Highland county except within Madison township.	331
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	332
Hocking county.	333
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	334
Holmes county.	335
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	336
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	337
corporation of Sandusky.	338
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	339
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	340
townships in Lawrence county.	341
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	342
Jackson county.	343
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	344
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	345
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	346
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	347
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	348
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	349
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	350
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	351
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	352
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	353
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	354
Licking county.	355
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	356

county.	357
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	358
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	359
township, in Lorain county.	360
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	361
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	362
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	363
county.	364
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	365
Madison county.	366
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	367
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	368
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	369
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	370
Richland county.	371
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	372
Washington county.	373
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	374
county.	375
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	376
Union county.	377
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	378
Deerfield township in Warren county.	379
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	380
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	381
townships in Stark county.	382
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	383

municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within 384
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions 385
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of 386
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas 387
county. 388

The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the 389
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa- 390
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick 391
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, 392
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in 393
Medina county. 394

The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the 395
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 396

The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within 397
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of 398
Bradford that is located in Darke county. 399

The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 400
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and 401
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 402

The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within 403
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except 404
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 405

Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal 406
court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 407
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 408
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 409
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and Butler, German, 410
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 411

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 412

court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	413
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within	414
Knox county.	415
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry	416
county.	417
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction	418
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn,	419
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover,	420
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in	421
Tuscarawas county.	422
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within	423
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington,	424
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	425
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the	426
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield	427
township in Trumbull county.	428
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	429
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	430
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	431
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	432
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	433
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	434
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	435
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	436
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	437
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the	438
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	439
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	440

Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 441
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 442
Toledo municipal court. 443

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 444
Ottawa county. 445

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 446
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 447
Lake county. 448

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 449
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 450
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 451
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 452

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Perry county municipal 453
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 454

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Paulding county municipal 455
court has jurisdiction within Paulding county. 456

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 457
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 458
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 459
in Wood county. 460

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 461
Portage county. 462

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 463
Scioto county. 464

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within 465
Putnam county. 466

The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within 467

the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview 468
Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in 469
Cuyahoga county. 470

The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the 471
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within 472
Perkins township, in Erie county. 473

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal 474
court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except 475
within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 476
Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships. 477

The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within 478
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, 479
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county. 480

The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, 481
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and 482
within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, 483
in Richland county. 484

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 485
county. 486

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 487
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 488
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 489
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 490
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 491
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 492

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 493
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 494
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 495
county. 496

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 497
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 498
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 499
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 500
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 501
in Lucas county. 502

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 503
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 504
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 505
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 506
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 507
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 508
Millgrove, in Wood county. 509

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 510
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 511
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 512

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 513
Wyandot county. 514

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 515
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 516
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 517
county. 518

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 519
Wert county. 520

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 521
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 522
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 523
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 524

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 525

municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 526
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 527
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 528

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 529
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 530
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 531
county. 532

The Washington Court House municipal court has 533
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 534

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 535
Wayne county. 536

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 537
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 538
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 539
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 540
county. 541

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 542
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 543

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 544
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 545
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 546
Greene county. 547

(C) As used in this section: 548

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 549
not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 550
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 551
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 552
governmentally a part of the township. 553

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 554
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 555
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 556
corporation. 557

Sec. 1901.027. In addition to the territorial jurisdiction 558
conferred by section 1901.02 of the Revised Code, the municipal 559
courts established in Athens, Batavia, ~~East Liverpool,~~ 560
Gallipolis, Georgetown, Cincinnati, Ironton, Chesapeake, 561
Marietta, Portsmouth, and Steubenville and the municipal court 562
established within Columbiana county that is described in 563
division (C) of section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have 564
jurisdiction beyond the north or northwest shore of the Ohio 565
river extending to the opposite shore line, between the extended 566
boundary lines of any adjacent municipal courts or adjacent 567
county courts. Each of the municipal courts that is given 568
jurisdiction on the Ohio river by this section has concurrent 569
jurisdiction on the Ohio river with any adjacent municipal 570
courts or adjacent county courts that border on that river and 571
with any court of Kentucky or of West Virginia that borders on 572
the Ohio river and that has jurisdiction on the Ohio river under 573
the law of Kentucky or the law of West Virginia, whichever is 574
applicable, or under federal law. 575

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 576
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 577
their terms shall be as follows: 578

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 579
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 580
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 581
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 582

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 583

be elected in 1953. 584

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 585
be elected in 1951. 586

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 587
shall be elected in 1953. 588

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 589
shall be elected in 1967. 590

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 591
judge shall be elected in 1975. 592

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 593
shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the 594
part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected 595
in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 596
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017. 597

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 598
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 599
elected in 1971. 600

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 601
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 602
1979. 603

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 604
shall be elected in 1993. 605

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall 606
be elected in 1951. 607

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 608
elected in 2005. 609

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 610

shall be elected in 1983. 611

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 612
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 613
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 614
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 615
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 616
until December 31, 2005. 617

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 618
elected in 1965. 619

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 620
shall be elected in 1951. 621

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 622
be elected in 1963. 623

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 624
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 625
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 626

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 627
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 628
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 629
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 630
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 631
December 31, 2009. 632

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 633
be elected in 1957. 634

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 635
judge shall be elected in 2001. 636

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 637
be elected in 1963. 638

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 639
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 640
elected in 1977. 641

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 642
shall be elected in 1953. 643

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 644
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 645
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 646
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 647
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 648
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 649

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 650
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 651
be elected in 1999. 652

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 653
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 654
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 655
1955. 656

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 657
judge shall be elected in 1957. 658

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 659
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 660
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 661
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 662
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 663

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 664
judges shall be elected in 2001. 665

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 666

be elected in 1953. 667

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 668
shall be elected in 1951. 669

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 670
judge shall be elected in 1977. 671

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 672
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 673
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls 674
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the 675
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this 676
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, 677
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time 678
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and 679
December 31, 2013, respectively. 680

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 681
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part- 682
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior 683
to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 684
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 685
December 31, 2005. 686

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 687
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 688
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 689
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 690
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 691
second day of January next after their election. 692

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 693
be elected in 1957. 694

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 695

be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 696
2007. 697

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 698
shall be elected in 1957. 699

~~In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 700~~
~~shall be elected in 1953. 701~~

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 702
elected in 1973. 703

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 704
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 705
1973. 706

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 707
shall be elected in 2007. 708

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 709
be elected in 1951. 710

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall 711
be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 712
2023. 713

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time 714
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be 715
elected in 2005. 716

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge 717
shall be elected in 1989. 718

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall 719
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 720
1993. 721

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall 722

be elected in 1951. 723

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time 724
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be 725
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 726
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full- 727
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge 728
shall be elected in 1997. 729

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall 730
be elected in 1975. 731

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge 732
shall be elected in 1981. 733

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time 734
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 735
elected in 1981. 736

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall 737
be elected in 1963. 738

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

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 741
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 742
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 743
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 744
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 745
the first day of January next after their election, except that 746
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 747
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 748
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 749
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 750

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 751
shall be elected in 1989. 752

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 753
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 754
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 755
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 756
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 757

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 758
shall be elected in 1977. 759

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 760
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 761
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 762
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 763
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 764
court until December 31, 2007. 765

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 766
elected in 1967. 767

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 768
be elected in 1951. 769

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 770
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 771
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 772
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 773
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 774

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 775
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 776
elected in 1975. 777

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 778

be elected in 1955. 779

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 780
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 781
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 782
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 783
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal 784
court until the end of those judges' terms. 785

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time 786
judge shall be elected in 1981. 787

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall 788
be elected in 1955. 789

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 790
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 791
elected in 1971. 792

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 793
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 794
1967. 795

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 796
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 797
1973. 798

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 799
shall be elected in 1957. 800

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 801
shall be elected in 1981. 802

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 803
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 804
elected in 1969. 805

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall	806
be elected in 1957.	807
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall	808
be elected in 1951.	809
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge	810
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the	811
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was	812
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court	813
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	814
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	815
elected in 1965.	816
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge	817
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	818
elected in 1971.	819
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall	820
be elected in 1963.	821
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall	822
be elected in 1957.	823
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall	824
be elected in 1971.	825
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	826
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be	827
elected in 1979.	828
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge	829
shall be elected in 1951.	830
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge	831
shall be elected in 1953.	832

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 833

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 834
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 835
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 836
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 837
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 838
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 839
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 840
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 841
county county court that existed before that date whose term 842
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 843
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 844
2011. 845

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 846
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 847
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 848
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 849
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 850
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 851
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 852

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 853
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 854
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 855
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 856
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 857
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 858

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 859
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 860
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 861
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 862

the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 863
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 864
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 865
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 866
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 867
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 868
December 31, 2013. 869

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 870
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 871
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 872
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 873
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 874
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 875

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 876
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 877
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 878
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 879
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 880

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 881
shall be elected in 1951. 882

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 883
be elected in 2005. 884

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 885
judge shall be elected in 1975. 886

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 887
shall be elected in 1963. 888

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 889
elected in 1951. 890

In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall	891
be elected in 1975.	892
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall	893
be elected in 1953.	894
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall	895
be elected in 1989.	896
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	897
be elected in 1963.	898
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	899
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	900
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as	901
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,	902
1994, until the end of that judge's term.	903
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge	904
shall be elected in 1951.	905
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	906
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	907
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	908
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established	909
on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in	910
2019.	911
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on	912
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	913
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge	914
shall be elected in 1977.	915
In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time	916
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall	917

be elected in 1971. 918

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 919
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 920
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 921
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 922
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 923

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 924
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 925
elected in 1985. 926

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 927
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 928
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 929
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 930
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 931
court until December 31, 2011. 932

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 933
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 934
elected in 1971. 935

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 936
be elected in 1953. 937

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 938
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 939
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 940
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 941
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 942
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 943
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 944
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 945
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 946

31, 2013. 947

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 948
shall be elected in 1957. 949

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 950
be elected in 1957. 951

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 952
be elected in 1995. 953

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 954
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 955
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 956
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 957
January 1, 2000. 958

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 959
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 960
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 961
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 962
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 963
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 964

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 965
shall be elected in 1953. 966

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 967
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 968
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 969
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 970
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 971
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 972
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 973
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 974
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 975

court until December 31, 2009. 976

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 977
shall be elected in 1963. 978

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 979
be elected in 1963. 980

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 981
judge shall be elected in 2013. 982

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 983
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 984
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 985

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 986
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 987
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 988
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 989
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 990
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 991

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 992
be elected in 1959. 993

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 994
be elected in 1957. 995

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 996
shall be elected in 1965. 997

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 998
shall be elected in 1981. 999

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1000
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1001
1971. 1002

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed or elected as follows:

(1)(a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Columbiana

county, Hamilton county, Miami county, Montgomery county, 1031
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and through 1032
December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the 1033
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1034
thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 1035
the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 1036
be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 1037
territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 1038
election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1039

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1040
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1041
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1042
successor is elected and qualified. 1043

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1044
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1045
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1046
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1047
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1048
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1049
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1050
the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1051
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1052
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1053
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1054
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1055
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1056
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1057
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1058
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1059

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1060

courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1061
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1062
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1063
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1064
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1065
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1066
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1067
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1068
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1069
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1070
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1071
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1072
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1073
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1074
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1075
Code. 1076

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1077
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1078
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1079
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1080
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1081
the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1082
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1083
at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1084
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1085
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1086
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1087
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1088
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1089
the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1090
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1091

325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1092

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 1093
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1094
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1095
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1096
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1097
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1098
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1099
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1100
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1101
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1102
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1103
territory of the court. 1104

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1105
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1106
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1107
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1108
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1109
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1110
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1111
Revised Code. 1112

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1113
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1114
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1115
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1116
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1117
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1118
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1119
particular political party for election to that office, a 1120
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1121

a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1122
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1123
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1124

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1125
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1126
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1127
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1128
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1129
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1130
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1131
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1132
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1133
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1134
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1135
successor is elected and qualified. 1136

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1137
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1138
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1139
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1140
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1141
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1142
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1143
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1144
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1145
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1146
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1147
the territory of the court. 1148

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1149
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1150
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1151

primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1152
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1153
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1154
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1155
Revised Code. 1156

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1157
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1158
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1159
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1160
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1161
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1162
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1163
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1164
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1165
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1166
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1167
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1168
Revised Code. 1169

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1170
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1171
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1172
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1173
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1174
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1175
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1176
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1177
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1178
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1179
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1180
successor is elected and qualified. 1181

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1182
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the 1183
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the 1184
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary 1185
election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1186
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the 1187
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1188
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1189
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1190
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1191
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1192
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified 1193
electors of the territory of the court. 1194

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1195
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1196
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1197
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1198
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1199
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1200
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1201
Revised Code. 1202

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1203
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1204
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1205
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1206
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1207
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1208
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1209
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1210
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1211
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1212

office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1213
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1214
Revised Code. 1215

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1216
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1217
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1218
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1219
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1220
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1221
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1222
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1223
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1224
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1225
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1226
successor is elected and qualified. 1227

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1228
effect after December 31, 2008. 1229

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 1230
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1231
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1232
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1233
day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 1234
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1235
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1236
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1237
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1238
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 1239
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1240
territory of the court. 1241

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1242

petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1243
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1244
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1245
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1246
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1247
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1248
Revised Code. 1249

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1250
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1251
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1252
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 1253
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 1254
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1255
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1256
particular political party for election to that office, a 1257
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1258
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1259
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1260
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1261

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1262
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1263
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 1264
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1265
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1266
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1267
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1268
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1269
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1270
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1271
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1272
successor is elected and qualified. 1273

(i) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1274
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1275
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1276
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1277
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1278
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1279
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1280
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1281
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1282
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1283
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1284
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1285
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1286
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1287
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1288
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1289
Revised Code. 1290

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1291
county, ~~Columbiana county~~, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam 1292
county, Sandusky county, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1293
municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population 1294
of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk 1295
shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office 1296
until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 1297

(b) In the Alliance, Lima, Lorain, Massillon, and 1298
Youngstown municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a 1299
term of office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this 1300
section. 1301

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1302
Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1303

courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1304
Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1305
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown 1306
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1307
county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for 1308
each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1309
1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge 1310
of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive 1311
the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The 1312
clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1313
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting 1314
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1315
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1316
municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall 1317
receive compensation payable from the county treasury in 1318
semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is 1319
prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1320
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1321
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1322
Code. 1323

~~(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of-~~ 1324
~~courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal-~~ 1325
~~court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office-~~ 1326
~~that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised-~~ 1327
~~Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of-~~ 1328
~~the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy-~~ 1329
~~clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that-~~ 1330
~~the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of-~~ 1331
~~Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county-~~ 1332
~~municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall-~~ 1333
~~receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly-~~ 1334

~~installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1335~~
~~compensation payable from the county treasury at one fourth the 1336~~
~~rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1337~~
~~as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1338~~
~~and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1339~~
~~Revised Code. 1340~~

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1341
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1342
a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1343
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1344

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1345
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1346
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1347
Lima, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs 1348
in the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1349
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1350
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1351
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1352
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1353
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1354
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1355
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1356
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1357
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1358
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1359
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1360
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1361
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1362
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1363
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1364
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1365

and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1366
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1367
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1368
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1369
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1370
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1371
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1372
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1373
after the vacancy occurred. 1374

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1375
county, the Brown county, ~~the Columbiana county,~~ the Holmes 1376
county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1377
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1378
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1379
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1380
compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1381
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1382
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1383
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1384
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1385
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1386
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1387
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1388
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1389
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1390
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1391
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Perry 1392
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1393
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1394
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1395
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1396

expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar 1397
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1398
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1399
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1400
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1401
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1402
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1403
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1404
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1405
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1406
this section. 1407

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Columbiana 1408
county, Hamilton county, Montgomery county, Miami county, 1409
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 1410
population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 1411
in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 1412
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 1413
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 1414

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1415
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1416
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1417
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1418
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1419
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1420
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1421
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1422

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1423
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1424
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1425
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 1426

duties. 1427

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1428
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1429
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1430
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1431
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1432
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1433
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1434
or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1435
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1436
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 1437
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 1438
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 1439
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 1440
or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 1441
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 1442
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 1443
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 1444
all times. 1445

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1446
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 1447
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 1448
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 1449
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 1450
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 1451
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 1452
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 1453
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 1454
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 1455
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 1456
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 1457

entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 1458
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 1459
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 1460
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 1461
court. 1462

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 1463
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1464
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 1465
clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 1466
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 1467
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1468
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1469
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1470
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1471
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1472
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1473
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1474
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1475
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1476
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1477
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1478
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1479
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1480
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1481
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1482
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1483
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1484
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1485
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1486
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1487
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1488

to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1489
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1490
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1491
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1492
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1493
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1494
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1495
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1496
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1497
Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1498
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1499
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1500
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1501
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1502
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1503
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1504
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1505

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1506
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1507
deposited in a state or national bank, as defined in section 1508
1101.01 of the Revised Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any 1509
interest received upon the deposits shall be paid into the city 1510
treasury, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, the 1511
interest shall be paid into the treasury of the county in which 1512
the court is located. 1513

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1514
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1515
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1516
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1517
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1518
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1519

the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 1520
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1521
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1522
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1523
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1524
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1525
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1526
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1527

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the 1528
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and 1529
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly 1530
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the 1531
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk 1532
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk 1533
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the 1534
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge 1535
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks 1536
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the 1537
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county 1538
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall 1539
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1540
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the 1541
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may 1542
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than 1543
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance 1544
of the deputy clerk's duties. 1545

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the 1546
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one 1547
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the 1548
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular 1549
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative 1550

authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by 1551
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a 1552
population of at least one hundred thousand. 1553

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at 1554
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in 1555
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1556
and receive verdicts. 1557

Sec. 2151.23. (A) The juvenile court has exclusive 1558
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows: 1559

(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date 1560
specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is 1561
alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or 1562
an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic 1563
offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or 1564
dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation 1565
pertaining to the child, concerning the parent, guardian, or 1566
other person having care of a child who is alleged to be an 1567
unruly child for being an habitual truant or who is alleged to 1568
be a delinquent child for violating a court order regarding the 1569
child's prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an 1570
habitual truant; 1571

(2) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 1572
2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any 1573
child not a ward of another court of this state; 1574

(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of 1575
habeas corpus involving the custody of a child; 1576

(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the 1577
probate division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. 1578
of the Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe 1579

that a child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a 1580
mentally ill person subject to court order, as defined in 1581
section 5122.01 of the Revised Code; 1582

(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging 1583
adults with the violation of any section of this chapter; 1584

(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an 1585
adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section 1586
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, 1587
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the 1588
Revised Code, provided the charge is not included in an 1589
indictment that also charges the alleged adult offender with the 1590
commission of a felony arising out of the same actions that are 1591
the basis of the alleged violation of division (C) of section 1592
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, 1593
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the 1594
Revised Code; 1595

(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 1596
2151.56 of the Revised Code; 1597

(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody 1598
pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being 1599
notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the 1600
reasons for taking the child into custody; 1601

(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of 1602
temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of 1603
permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section 1604
5103.15 of the Revised Code; 1605

(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to 1606
marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code; 1607

(11) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of 1608

section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to hear and determine a 1609
request for an order for the support of any child if the request 1610
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1611
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1612
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an 1613
action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1614
Code; 1615

(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 1616
of the Revised Code; 1617

(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 1618
of the Revised Code; 1619

(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the 1620
parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged 1621
to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic 1622
offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining 1623
to the child; 1624

(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the 1625
determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required 1626
under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the 1627
Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a 1628
delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon the 1629
juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and 1630
Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by 1631
the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40; 1632

(16) To hear and determine a petition for a protection 1633
order against a child under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 1634
Revised Code and to enforce a protection order issued or a 1635
consent agreement approved under either section against a child 1636
until a date certain but not later than the date the child 1637

attains nineteen years of age; 1638

(17) Concerning emancipated young adults under sections 1639
2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code; 1640

(18) To hear and determine a request for a court order to 1641
examine and interview a child who may be an abused, neglected, 1642
or dependent child under section 2151.25 of the Revised Code. 1643

(B) Except as provided in divisions (G)~~and~~, (I), and (P) 1644
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has 1645
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code: 1646

(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors 1647
charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any 1648
child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or 1649
any municipal ordinance; 1650

(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to 1651
have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 1652
3111.18 of the Revised Code; 1653

(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in 1654
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code; 1655

(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for 1656
the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another 1657
court of this state; 1658

(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under 1659
section 3111.28 of the Revised Code; 1660

(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 1661
3119.961 of the Revised Code; 1662

(7) To receive filings under section 3109.74 of the 1663
Revised Code, and to hear and determine actions arising under 1664

sections 3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code. 1665

(8) To enforce an order for the return of a child made 1666
under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International 1667
Child Abduction pursuant to section 3127.32 of the Revised Code; 1668

(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws 1669
of this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a 1670
court of another state and registered in accordance with section 1671
3127.35 of the Revised Code. 1672

(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that 1673
are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a 1674
separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to 1675
hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or 1676
legal separation that involves the custody or care of children 1677
and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by 1678
the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the 1679
action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no 1680
certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court 1681
unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. 1682
After a certification of that nature is made and consent is 1683
obtained, the juvenile court shall proceed as if the action 1684
originally had been begun in that court, except as to awards for 1685
spousal support or support due and unpaid at the time of 1686
certification, over which the juvenile court has no 1687
jurisdiction. 1688

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 1689
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 1690
and determine all matters as to custody and support of children 1691
duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile 1692
court after a divorce decree has been granted, including 1693
jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of 1694

common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of 1695
children. 1696

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 1697
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 1698
and determine the case of any child certified to the court by 1699
any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within 1700
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this 1701
section. 1702

(F) (1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction 1703
in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and 1704
3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, 1705
sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the 1706
Revised Code. 1707

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 1708
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the 1709
Revised Code. 1710

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for 1711
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., 1712
and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay 1713
child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or 1714
after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, 1715
is found in contempt of court for failure to make support 1716
payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in 1717
addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess 1718
all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against 1719
the person and require the person to pay any reasonable 1720
attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the 1721
court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt. 1722

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an 1723

offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or 1724
older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged 1725
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution 1726
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, except as 1727
provided in section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, the juvenile 1728
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case 1729
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is 1730
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section 1731
has jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and 1732
determine the case in the same manner as if the case originally 1733
had been commenced in that court, subject to section 2152.121 of 1734
the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, jurisdiction to 1735
accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized by Criminal 1736
Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and jurisdiction 1737
to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of conviction 1738
pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the child 1739
for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the 1740
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the 1741
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the 1742
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included 1743
offense, or for the commission of another offense that is 1744
different from the offense charged. 1745

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly 1746
commits an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult 1747
and if the person is not taken into custody or apprehended for 1748
that act until after the person attains twenty-one years of age, 1749
the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or 1750
determine any portion of the case charging the person with 1751
committing that act. In those circumstances, divisions (A) and 1752
(B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply 1753
regarding the act, and the case charging the person with 1754

committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and 1755
heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the 1756
offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older 1757
when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to 1758
the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having 1759
jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the 1760
authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal 1761
cases in that court. 1762

(J) In exercising its exclusive original jurisdiction 1763
under division (A) (16) of this section with respect to any 1764
proceedings brought under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 1765
Revised Code in which the respondent is a child, the juvenile 1766
court retains all dispositional powers consistent with existing 1767
rules of juvenile procedure and may also exercise its discretion 1768
to adjudicate proceedings as provided in sections 2151.34 and 1769
3113.31 of the Revised Code, including the issuance of 1770
protection orders or the approval of consent agreements under 1771
those sections. 1772

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 1773
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 1774
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 1775
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 1776
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1777
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1778
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 1779
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1780
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 1781
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1782
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 1783
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1784
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1785

legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1786
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 1787
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 1788
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 1789
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1790
subdivisions and departments. 1791

(B) In Hamilton county: 1792

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 1793
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 1794
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 1795
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1796
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1797
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1798

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1799
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 1800
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1801
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 1802
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1803
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 1804
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 1805
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 1806
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 1807
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 1808
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 1809
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 1810
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 1811
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1812
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 1813
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 1814
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 1815

administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 1816
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 1817
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 1818
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1819
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1820
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 1821
year. 1822

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 1823
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1824
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1825
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1826
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1827
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1828
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1829
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1830
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 1831

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1832
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1833
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1834
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1835
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1836
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 1837
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1838
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1839
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 1840
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 1841
are parties to an action pending in the division. 1842

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 1843
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 1844
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 1845

reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 1846
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 1847
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1848
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1849
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 1850
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 1851
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 1852
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 1853
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 1854
division of domestic relations. 1855

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 1856
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 1857
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 1858
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 1859
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 1860
relations. 1861

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1862
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 1863
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 1864
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 1865
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 1866
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 1867
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 1868
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 1869
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 1870
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 1871

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 1872
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 1873
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 1874
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 1875

drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 1876
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 1877
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 1878
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 1879
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1880
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 1881
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1882

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1883
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1884
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 1885
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1886
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 1887
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1888
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1889
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1890
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 1891
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 1892
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 1893
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 1894
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 1895

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1896
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1897
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 1898
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 1899
both of the following apply: 1900

(a) One of the following applies: 1901

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1902
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1903
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1904
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1905

offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 1906

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 1907
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1908
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1909
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1910
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 1911
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 1912
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 1913
treatment. 1914

(b) All of the following apply: 1915

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 1916
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 1917
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 1918
to be imposed. 1919

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 1920

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 1921

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 1922
drug or alcohol driven. 1923

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 1924
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 1925

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 1926

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 1927
prosecutor approves of the referral. 1928

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 1929
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 1930
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 1931
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 1932

judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 1933
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 1934
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 1935
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 1936
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 1937
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 1938
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 1939

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 1940
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 1941
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 1942
Revised Code. 1943

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 1944

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1945
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 1946
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 1947
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 1948
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1949
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1950
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 1951
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1952
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 1953
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 1954
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 1955
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1956
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 1957
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1958
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1959
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1960
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1961
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 1962

judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 1963
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 1964
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1965
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1966
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1967
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 1968
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1969
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1970

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 1971
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1972
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 1973
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 1974
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 1975
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 1976
Code. 1977

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1978
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 1979
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 1980
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 1981
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1982
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 1983
probate judge. 1984

(2)(a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1985
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1986
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 1987
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 1988
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 1989
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1990
relations. 1991

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1992

with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1993
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 1994
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1995
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1996
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1997
relations. 1998

(D) In Lucas county: 1999

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2000
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 2001
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2002
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2003
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 2004
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2005
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2006
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 2007
assigned to them. 2008

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2009
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 2010
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 2011
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 2012
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 2013
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 2014

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2015
begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors 2016
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2017
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2018
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 2019
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2020
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2021
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2022

jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 2023
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2024
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 2025
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 2026
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 2027
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2028
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2029
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 2030
in the discharge of their various duties. 2031

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 2032
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 2033
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 2034
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 2035
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 2036
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 2037
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2038
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 2039
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 2040
parties to an action pending in the division. 2041

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2042
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2043
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2044
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 2045
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 2046
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 2047

(E) In Mahoning county: 2048

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2049
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2050
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2051
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2052

common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2053
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2054
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 2055
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 2056
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2057
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 2058
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 2059
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2060
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2061
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2062
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2063
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 2064
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 2065

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2066
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2067
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2068
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2069
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2070
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2071
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 2072
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2073
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2074
action pending in the division. 2075

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2076
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 2077
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2078
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2079
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 2080
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2081
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2082
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 2083

conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 2084
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2085
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2086
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 2087
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2088
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2089
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 2090
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 2091

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2092
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2093
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2094
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2095
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2096
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 2097
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 2098
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 2099
action pending in the division. 2100

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2101
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2102
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 2103
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 2104
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 2105
of common pleas. 2106

(F) In Montgomery county: 2107

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2108
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 2109
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2110
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2111
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 2112
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2113

division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 2114
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2115
and annulment cases. 2116

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2117
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2118
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 2119
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 2120
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2121
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2122
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 2123
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 2124
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 2125
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 2126
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2127
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2128
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2129
fix their duties. 2130

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2131
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 2132
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2133
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2134
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 2135
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2136
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 2137
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2138
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 2139

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2140
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 2141
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2142
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 2143

employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2144
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 2145
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 2146
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 2147
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2148
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2149
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2150
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2151
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2152
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2153
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2154
the division. 2155

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2156
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 2157
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2158
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 2159
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 2160
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 2161
of those divisions. 2162

(G) In Richland county: 2163

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2164
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 2165
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2166
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2167
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 2168
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2169
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 2170
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2171
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 2172
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 2173

proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2174
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 2175
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 2176
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 2177
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 2178
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 2179
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 2180
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 2181
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 2182
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 2183
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 2184
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 2185
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 2186
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 2187
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2188
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2189
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 2190
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2191
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2192
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 2193
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 2194
of those matters. 2195

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2196
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 2197
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 2198
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 2199
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2200
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 2201
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 2202
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 2203
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 2204

employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 2205
shall fix their duties. 2206

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2207
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2208
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2209
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2210
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 2211
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2212
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2213
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2214
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2215
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2216
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2217
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 2218
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 2219
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 2220
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 2221
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 2222
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 2223
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2224
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2225
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2226

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2227
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2228
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 2229
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2230
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 2231
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 2232
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 2233
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2234

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 2235
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2236
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2237
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2238
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2239
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 2240
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 2241
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2242
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2243

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 2244
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 2245
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 2246
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2247
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2248
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 2249
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 2250
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 2251
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 2252
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2253
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2254
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 2255
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 2256
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 2257

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 2258
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 2259
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 2260
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 2261
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 2262
referees required for the judge's respective court. 2263

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 2264

point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 2265
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2266
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 2267
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 2268
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 2269
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 2270
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 2271
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 2272
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 2273
juvenile judge to serve. 2274

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 2275
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 2276
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 2277
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 2278
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 2279
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 2280
"the judge of the family court division." 2281

(I) In Summit county: 2282

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2283
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 2284
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2285
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2286
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 2287
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2288
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2289
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 2290
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2291
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 2292
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2293
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 2294

shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 2295
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 2296
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2297
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 2298
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 2299
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 2300
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 2301
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2302

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2303
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2304
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 2305
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 2306
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 2307
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2308
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2309
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 2310
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2311
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2312
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2313
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2314
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2315
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 2316
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 2317
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2318
action pending in the division. 2319

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2320
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2321
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2322
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2323
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 2324
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 2325

shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 2326
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 2327
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 2328
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 2329
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 2330
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 2331
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 2332
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 2333
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 2334
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 2335
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2336
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 2337
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2338

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 2339
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2340
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 2341
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2342
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2343
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 2344
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2345
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2346
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2347
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2348
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2349
conciliation services that are available upon request to 2350
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 2351
the division. 2352

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2353
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2354
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2355
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2356

as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 2357
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2358
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2359
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2360
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2361
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 2362
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2363
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 2364
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2365
court of common pleas. 2366

(K) In Butler county: 2367

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2368
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 2369
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2370
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2371
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 2372
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 2373
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 2374
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 2375
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2376
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2377
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2378
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 2379
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 2380
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 2381
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 2382
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 2383
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 2384
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 2385
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 2386
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2387

marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2388
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2389
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2390
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2391
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 2392
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 2393
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 2394
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 2395
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 2396
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2397
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2398
division. 2399

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 2400
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2401
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2402
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 2403
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 2404
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2405
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 2406
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2407
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2408
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2409

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 2410
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 2411
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2412
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2413
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 2414
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2415
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 2416
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 2417
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 2418

that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2419
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 2420
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 2421
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 2422
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 2423
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 2424
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 2425
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 2426
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2427
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 2428
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 2429
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 2430
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2431
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 2432
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 2433
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2434
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 2435
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 2436
various duties. 2437

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 2438
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 2439
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 2440
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 2441
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2442
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 2443
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2444
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2445
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2446

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2447
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2448
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2449

cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 2450
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 2451
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2452

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 2453
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 2454
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 2455
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2456
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2457
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 2458
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 2459
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 2460
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2461
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 2462
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 2463
some special reason. 2464

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 2465
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 2466
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 2467

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 2468
supervision; 2469

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 2470
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 2471

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 2472
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 2473
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2474
legal separation and annulment matters. 2475

(M) In Lake county: 2476

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2477
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2478

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2479
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2480
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 2481
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2482
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 2483
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2484
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2485
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2486
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2487
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2488
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2489
division. 2490

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2491
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2492
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2493
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2494
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2495
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2496
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2497
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2498
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2499
division, who request the services. 2500

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2501
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 2502
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2503
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2504
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 2505
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2506
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2507
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 2508
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2509

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2510
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 2511
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2512
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 2513
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 2514
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 2515
the judge's various duties. 2516

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2517
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2518
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2519
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2520
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 2521
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 2522
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2523
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2524
request the services. 2525

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2526
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2527
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2528
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 2529
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 2530
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2531

(N) In Erie county: 2532

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2533
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 2534
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 2535
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2536
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 2537
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 2538
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2539

relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 2540
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 2541
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 2542
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 2543
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2544
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2545
other judge. 2546

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 2547
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 2548
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 2549
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 2550
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 2551
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 2552
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 2553

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 2554
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 2555
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 2556
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 2557
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 2558
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 2559
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2560
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 2561
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2562
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 2563
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 2564
provisions, of the Revised Code. 2565

(O) In Greene county: 2566

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2567
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2568
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2569

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2570
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 2571
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 2572
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2573
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 2574
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 2575
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 2576
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2577
court of common pleas. 2578

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2579
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2580
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 2581
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 2582
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 2583
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 2584
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2585
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2586
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2587
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 2588
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 2589
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 2590
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 2591
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 2592
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 2593
general division of the court of common pleas. 2594

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 2595
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2596
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2597
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2598
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 2599
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2600

division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 2601
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2602
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 2603
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2604
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 2605
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 2606
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2607
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 2608
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 2609
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 2610
the judge's various duties. 2611

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2612
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 2613
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2614
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2615
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 2616
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 2617
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 2618
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 2619
request the services. 2620

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2621
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2622
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2623
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 2624
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 2625
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 2626
division. 2627

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2628
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2629
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2630

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2631
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 2632
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2633
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2634
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2635
annulment cases ~~coming before the court,~~ all cases arising under 2636
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2637
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2638
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2639
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2640
parenting time, and visitation, all proceedings arising under 2641
the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 2642
3115. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under 2643
sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, all 2644
proceedings arising under the uniform child custody jurisdiction 2645
and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of the Revised 2646
Code, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from 2647
those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 2648
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2649
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2650
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2651
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2652
division. 2653

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2654
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2655
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2656
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2657
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2658
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2659
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2660
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the 2661

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2662
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2663
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2664
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 2665
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, proceedings 2666
arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, 2667
and proceedings arising under the uniform child custody 2668
jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of 2669
the Revised Code, and providing any counseling and conciliation 2670
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2671
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2672
division, who request the services. 2673

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2674
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2675
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2676
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2677
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2678
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2679
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2680
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2681
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 2682
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2683
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2684
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2685
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 2686
domestic relations division. 2687

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2688
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2689
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2690
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2691
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2692

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2693
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2694
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2695
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2696
division, who request the services. 2697

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 2698
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 2699
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2700
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2701
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 2702
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2703
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2704
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2705
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 2706
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 2707
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2708
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2709
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 2710
domestic relations division. 2711

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2712
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 2713
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 2714
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 2715
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 2716
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2717
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 2718
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 2719
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 2720
division, who request the services. 2721

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 2722

pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2723
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 2724
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 2725
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 2726
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 2727
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 2728
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2729
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 2730
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2731
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2732
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2733
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2734
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2735
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2736
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2737
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 2738
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 2739
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2740
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2741

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2742
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2743
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2744
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2745
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2746
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2747
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2748
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2749
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2750
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2751
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2752
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2753

custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 2754
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2755
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2756
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2757

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 2758
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 2759
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2760
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2761
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 2762
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2763
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2764
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2765
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2766
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2767
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2768
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2769
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2770
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2771
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2772
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2773
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2774
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2775
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2776

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2777
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2778
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2779
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2780
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2781
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2782
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2783
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2784

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2785
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2786
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2787
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2788
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2789
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2790
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2791

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 2792
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 2793
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2794
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2795
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 2796
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2797
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2798
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2799
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2800
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2801
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2802
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2803
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2804
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2805
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2806
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2807
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2808
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2809
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2810

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2811
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2812
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2813
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2814
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2815

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2816
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2817
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2818
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2819
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2820
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2821
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2822
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2823
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2824
pending in the division, who request the services. 2825

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2826
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2827
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2828
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2829
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 2830
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2831
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2832
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2833
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2834
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2835
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2836
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2837
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2838
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2839
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2840
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2841
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 2842
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2843
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 2844
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2845
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 2846

state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 2847
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2848
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 2849
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 2850
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2851
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2852
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2853
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2854
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2855
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2856
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2857
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2858
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2859

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 2860
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2861
division and with the employment and supervision of the 2862
personnel of the division. 2863

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2864
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2865
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2866
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2867
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2868
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2869
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2870
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2871
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2872
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2873
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2874
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2875
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2876
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 2877

parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2878
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 2879
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 2880
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 2881
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 2882
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 2883
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 2884
support for that child when the request for that order is not 2885
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2886
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 2887
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2888
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 2889
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2890
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2891
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2892
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 2893
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 2894
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 2895

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2896
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 2897
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2898
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2899
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 2900
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2901
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 2902
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2903
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 2904
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 2905
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 2906
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2907
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 2908

support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 2909
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 2910
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 2911
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 2912
and the judges of the general division. 2913

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2914
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 2915
children services board and the county advisory board. 2916

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2917
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 2918
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 2919
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 2920
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 2921
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 2922
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 2923
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 2924
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 2925
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 2926
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 2927
domestic relations of that court. 2928

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 2929
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2930
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2931
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2932
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 2933
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2934
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2935
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2936
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2937
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2938

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2939
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2940
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 2941
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 2942
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 2943
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 2944
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 2945
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 2946
the personnel of the division. 2947

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2948
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2949
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2950
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2951
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2952
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2953
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2954
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2955
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2956
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2957
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2958
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2959
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2960
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2961
pending in the division, who request the services. 2962

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 2963
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 2964
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 2965
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 2966
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2967
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 2968
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 2969

charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 2970
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2971
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 2972
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 2973
duties. 2974

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2975
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 2976
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2977
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2978
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 2979
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 2980
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 2981
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 2982
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 2983
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2984
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2985
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2986
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2987
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2988
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2989
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2990
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2991
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2992
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2993
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 2994
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2995
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 2996
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2997
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 2998
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 2999
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 3000

and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3001
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3002
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3003
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3004
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3005
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 3006
(Z) (1) of this section. 3007

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3008
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 3009
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 3010
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 3011
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 3012
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 3013
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 3014
pleas of Marion county. 3015

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 3016
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3017
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 3018
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 3019
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3020
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 3021
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 3022
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 3023
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 3024
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 3025
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z) (2) of this 3026
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 3027
common pleas of Marion county. 3028

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 3029
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 3030

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3031
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3032
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 3033
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 3034
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 3035
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 3036
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 3037
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 3038
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3039
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 3040
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 3041
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 3042
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 3043
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 3044
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 3045
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 3046
supervision of the personnel of the division. 3047

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 3048
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 3049
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 3050
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 3051
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 3052
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 3053
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3054
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 3055
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 3056
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 3057
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 3058
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 3059
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 3060
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 3061

an action pending in the division, who request the services. 3062

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 3063
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 3064
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3065
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3066
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 3067
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3068
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 3069
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 3070
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 3071
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 3072
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 3073
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 3074
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3075
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3076
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3077
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3078
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3079
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3080
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3081
the court of common pleas. 3082

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 3083
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 3084
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 3085
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 3086
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 3087
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 3088
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 3089
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 3090
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3091
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3092

Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3093
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3094
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3095
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3096
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 3097
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3098
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3099
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 3100
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 3101
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3102
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 3103
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 3104
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 3105
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 3106
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 3107
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 3108
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 3109
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 3110
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 3111
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 3112
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 3113
section. 3114

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 3115
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 3116
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 3117
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 3118
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 3119
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 3120
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3121

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 3122
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 3123

or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 3124
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 3125
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 3126
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 3127
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 3128
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 3129
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 3130
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 3131
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 3132
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 3133

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 3134
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 3135
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 3136
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 3137
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3138
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 3139
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 3140
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 3141
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 3142
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 3143
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 3144
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 3145
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 3146
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 3147
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 3148
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 3149
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 3150
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 3151
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 3152
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 3153
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 3154

other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 3155
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 3156
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 3157
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 3158
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 3159
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 3160
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 3161
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 3162
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 3163
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 3164
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 3165
section. 3166

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 3167
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 3168
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 3169
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3170
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 3171
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 3172
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 3173
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 3174
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 3175
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 3176
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 3177
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 3178
probate division. 3179

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 3180
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 3181
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 3182
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 3183
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 3184
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 3185

pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 3186
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 3187
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 3188
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 3189
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 3190
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 3191
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 3192
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 3193
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 3194
of common pleas. 3195

(FF) In Hardin county: 3196

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 3197
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 3198
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 3199
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 3200
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 3201
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 3202
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 3203
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 3204
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 3205
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 3206
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 3207
legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 3208
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 3209
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 3210
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 3211
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 3212
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 3213
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 3214
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 3215
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 3216

the court of common pleas. 3217

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 3218
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 3219
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 3220
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 3221
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 3222
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 3223
provisions, of the Revised Code. 3224

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 3225
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 3226
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 3227
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 3228
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 3229
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 3230
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 3231
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 3232
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 3233

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 3234
1901.027, 1901.08, 1901.31, 2151.23, and 2301.03 of the Revised 3235
Code are hereby repealed. 3236

Section 3. The East Liverpool Municipal Court shall 3237
continue in operation until the effective date of this section, 3238
at which time the East Liverpool Municipal Court shall cease 3239
operations and its existence shall terminate. 3240

Section 4. All causes, executions, and other proceedings 3241
pending in the East Liverpool Municipal Court on the effective 3242
date of this section, shall be transferred to and proceed in the 3243
Columbiana County Municipal Court on the effective date of this 3244
section, as if originally instituted in the Columbiana County 3245

Municipal Court. The Clerk of the East Liverpool Municipal Court 3246
or other custodian shall transfer to the Columbiana County 3247
Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, 3248
papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and 3249
persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject 3250
to the jurisdiction of the East Liverpool Municipal Court, or 3251
any officer of that court, at the close of business on the 3252
effective date of this section, and that pertain to those 3253
causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings. 3254

Section 5. The General Assembly, applying the principle 3255
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 3256
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 3257
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 3258
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 3259
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 3260
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 3261
as presented in this act: 3262

Section 1901.01 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3263
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. 3264

Section 1901.02 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3265
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. 3266

Section 1901.08 of the Revised Code as amended by both 3267
H.B. 215 and S.B. 25 of the 132nd General Assembly. 3268