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**A BILL**

To amend sections 2151.23 and 2301.03 of the 1  
Revised Code to expand the jurisdiction of the 2  
Portage County Domestic Relations Court. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2151.23 and 2301.03 of the 4  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 2151.23.** (A) The juvenile court has exclusive 6  
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows: 7

(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date 8  
specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is 9  
alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or 10  
an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic 11  
offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or 12  
dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation 13  
pertaining to the child, concerning the parent, guardian, or 14  
other person having care of a child who is alleged to be an 15  
unruly child for being an habitual truant or who is alleged to 16  
be a delinquent child for violating a court order regarding the 17  
child's prior adjudication as an unruly child for being an 18  
habitual truant; 19

(2) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of section 20  
2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any 21  
child not a ward of another court of this state; 22

(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of 23  
habeas corpus involving the custody of a child; 24

(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the 25  
probate division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. 26  
of the Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe 27  
that a child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a 28  
mentally ill person subject to court order, as defined in 29  
section 5122.01 of the Revised Code; 30

(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging 31  
adults with the violation of any section of this chapter; 32

(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an 33  
adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section 34  
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, 35  
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the 36  
Revised Code, provided the charge is not included in an 37  
indictment that also charges the alleged adult offender with the 38  
commission of a felony arising out of the same actions that are 39  
the basis of the alleged violation of division (C) of section 40  
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, 41  
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the 42  
Revised Code; 43

(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section 44  
2151.56 of the Revised Code; 45

(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody 46  
pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being 47  
notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the 48

reasons for taking the child into custody; 49

(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of 50  
temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of 51  
permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section 52  
5103.15 of the Revised Code; 53

(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to 54  
marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code; 55

(11) Subject to divisions (G), (I), (K), and (V) of 56  
section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to hear and determine a 57  
request for an order for the support of any child if the request 58  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 59  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 60  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an 61  
action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 62  
Code; 63

(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 64  
of the Revised Code; 65

(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 66  
of the Revised Code; 67

(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the 68  
parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged 69  
to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic 70  
offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining 71  
to the child; 72

(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the 73  
determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required 74  
under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and Chapter 2950. of the 75  
Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a 76  
delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon the 77

juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.86 and 78  
Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by 79  
the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40; 80

(16) To hear and determine a petition for a protection 81  
order against a child under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 82  
Revised Code and to enforce a protection order issued or a 83  
consent agreement approved under either section against a child 84  
until a date certain but not later than the date the child 85  
attains nineteen years of age; 86

(17) Concerning emancipated young adults under sections 87  
2151.45 to 2151.455 of the Revised Code; 88

(18) To hear and determine a request for a court order to 89  
examine and interview a child who may be an abused, neglected, 90  
or dependent child under section 2151.25 of the Revised Code. 91

(B) Except as provided in divisions (G)~~and~~, (I), and (P) 92  
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has 93  
original jurisdiction under the Revised Code: 94

(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors 95  
charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any 96  
child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or 97  
any municipal ordinance; 98

(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to 99  
have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 100  
3111.18 of the Revised Code; 101

(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in 102  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code; 103

(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for 104  
the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another 105

court of this state; 106

(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under 107  
section 3111.28 of the Revised Code; 108

(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 109  
3119.961 of the Revised Code; 110

(7) To receive filings under section 3109.74 of the 111  
Revised Code, and to hear and determine actions arising under 112  
sections 3109.51 to 3109.80 of the Revised Code. 113

(8) To enforce an order for the return of a child made 114  
under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International 115  
Child Abduction pursuant to section 3127.32 of the Revised Code; 116

(9) To grant any relief normally available under the laws 117  
of this state to enforce a child custody determination made by a 118  
court of another state and registered in accordance with section 119  
3127.35 of the Revised Code. 120

(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that 121  
are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a 122  
separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to 123  
hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or 124  
legal separation that involves the custody or care of children 125  
and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by 126  
the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the 127  
action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no 128  
certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court 129  
unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. 130  
After a certification of that nature is made and consent is 131  
obtained, the juvenile court shall proceed as if the action 132  
originally had been begun in that court, except as to awards for 133  
spousal support or support due and unpaid at the time of 134

certification, over which the juvenile court has no 135  
jurisdiction. 136

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 137  
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 138  
and determine all matters as to custody and support of children 139  
duly certified by the court of common pleas to the juvenile 140  
court after a divorce decree has been granted, including 141  
jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the court of 142  
common pleas as the same relate to the custody and support of 143  
children. 144

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in division (I) 145  
of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has jurisdiction to hear 146  
and determine the case of any child certified to the court by 147  
any court of competent jurisdiction if the child comes within 148  
the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by this 149  
section. 150

(F) (1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction 151  
in child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04 and 152  
3127.01 to 3127.53 of the Revised Code and, as applicable, 153  
sections 5103.20 to 5103.22 or 5103.23 to 5103.237 of the 154  
Revised Code. 155

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 156  
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the 157  
Revised Code. 158

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for 159  
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., 160  
and 3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay 161  
child support under an order made by a juvenile court on or 162  
after April 15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, 163

is found in contempt of court for failure to make support 164  
payments under the order, the court that makes the finding, in 165  
addition to any other penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess 166  
all court costs arising out of the contempt proceeding against 167  
the person and require the person to pay any reasonable 168  
attorney's fees of any adverse party, as determined by the 169  
court, that arose in relation to the act of contempt. 170

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an 171  
offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or 172  
older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged 173  
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution 174  
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, except as 175  
provided in section 2152.121 of the Revised Code, the juvenile 176  
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case 177  
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is 178  
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section 179  
has jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and 180  
determine the case in the same manner as if the case originally 181  
had been commenced in that court, subject to section 2152.121 of 182  
the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, jurisdiction to 183  
accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized by Criminal 184  
Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and jurisdiction 185  
to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of conviction 186  
pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the child 187  
for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the 188  
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the 189  
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the 190  
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included 191  
offense, or for the commission of another offense that is 192  
different from the offense charged. 193

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly 194

commits an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult 195  
and if the person is not taken into custody or apprehended for 196  
that act until after the person attains twenty-one years of age, 197  
the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction to hear or 198  
determine any portion of the case charging the person with 199  
committing that act. In those circumstances, divisions (A) and 200  
(B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply 201  
regarding the act, and the case charging the person with 202  
committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and 203  
heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the 204  
offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older 205  
when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to 206  
the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having 207  
jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the 208  
authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal 209  
cases in that court. 210

(J) In exercising its exclusive original jurisdiction 211  
under division (A) (16) of this section with respect to any 212  
proceedings brought under section 2151.34 or 3113.31 of the 213  
Revised Code in which the respondent is a child, the juvenile 214  
court retains all dispositional powers consistent with existing 215  
rules of juvenile procedure and may also exercise its discretion 216  
to adjudicate proceedings as provided in sections 2151.34 and 217  
3113.31 of the Revised Code, including the issuance of 218  
protection orders or the approval of consent agreements under 219  
those sections. 220

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 221  
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 222  
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 223  
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 224  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 225

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 226  
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 227  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 228  
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 229  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 230  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 231  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 232  
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 233  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 234  
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 235  
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 236  
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 237  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 238  
subdivisions and departments. 239

(B) In Hamilton county: 240

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 241  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 242  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 243  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 244  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 245  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 246

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 247  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 248  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 249  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 250  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 251  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 252  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 253  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 254  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 255

the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 256  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 257  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 258  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 259  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 260  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 261  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 262  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 263  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 264  
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 265  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 266  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 267  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 268  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 269  
year. 270

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 271  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 272  
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 273  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 274  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 275  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 276  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 277  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 278  
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 279

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 280  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 281  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 282  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 283  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 284  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 285  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 286

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 287  
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 288  
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 289  
are parties to an action pending in the division. 290

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 291  
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 292  
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 293  
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 294  
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 295  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 296  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 297  
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 298  
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 299  
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 300  
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 301  
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 302  
division of domestic relations. 303

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 304  
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 305  
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 306  
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 307  
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 308  
relations. 309

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 310  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 311  
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 312  
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 313  
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 314  
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 315  
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 316

an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 317  
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 318  
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 319

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 320  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 321  
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 322  
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 323  
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 324  
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 325  
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 326  
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 327  
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 328  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 329  
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 330

A judge of the general division of the court of common 331  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 332  
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 333  
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 334  
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 335  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 336  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 337  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 338  
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 339  
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 340  
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 341  
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 342  
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 343

A judge of the general division of the court of common 344  
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 345  
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 346

division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 347  
both of the following apply: 348

(a) One of the following applies: 349

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 350  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 351  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 352  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 353  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 354

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 355  
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 356  
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 357  
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 358  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 359  
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 360  
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 361  
treatment. 362

(b) All of the following apply: 363

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 364  
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 365  
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 366  
to be imposed. 367

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 368

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 369

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 370  
drug or alcohol driven. 371

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 372  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 373

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 374

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county 375  
prosecutor approves of the referral. 376

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common 377  
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases 378  
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a 379  
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative 380  
judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for 381  
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the 382  
drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 383  
assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 384  
assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 385  
volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 386  
a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 387

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 388  
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 389  
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the 390  
Revised Code. 391

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 392

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 393  
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 394  
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 395  
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 396  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 397  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 398  
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 399  
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 400  
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 401  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 402

January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 403  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 404  
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 405  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 406  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 407  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 408  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 409  
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 410  
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 411  
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 412  
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 413  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 414  
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 415  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 416  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 417  
other judge of the court of common pleas. 418

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 419  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 420  
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 421  
in division (C)(1)(a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 422  
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 423  
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 424  
Code. 425

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 426  
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 427  
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 428  
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 429  
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 430  
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 431  
probate judge. 432

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 433  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 434  
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 435  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 436  
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 437  
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 438  
relations. 439

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 440  
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 441  
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 442  
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 443  
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 444  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 445  
relations. 446

(D) In Lucas county: 447

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 448  
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 449  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 450  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 451  
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 452  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 453  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 454  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 455  
assigned to them. 456

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 457  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 458  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 459  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 460  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 461  
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 462

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

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

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that

judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 494  
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 495

(E) In Mahoning county: 496

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 497  
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 498  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 499  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 500  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 501  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 502  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 503  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 504  
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 505  
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 506  
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 507  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 508  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 509  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 510  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 511  
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 512  
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 513

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 514  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 515  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 516  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 517  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 518  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 519  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 520  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 521  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 522  
action pending in the division. 523

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 524  
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 525  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 526  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 527  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 528  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 529  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 530  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 531  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 532  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 533  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 534  
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 535  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 536  
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 537  
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 538  
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 539

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 540  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 541  
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 542  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 543  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 544  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 545  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 546  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 547  
action pending in the division. 548

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 549  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 550  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 551  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 552  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 553  
of common pleas. 554

(F) In Montgomery county: 555

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 556  
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 557  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 558  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 559  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 560  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 561  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 562  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 563  
and annulment cases. 564

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 565  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 566  
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 567  
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 568  
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 569  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 570  
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 571  
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 572  
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 573  
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 574  
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 575  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 576  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 577  
fix their duties. 578

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 579  
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 580  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 581  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 582  
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 583  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 584

juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 585  
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 586  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 587

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 588  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 589  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 590  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 591  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 592  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 593  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 594  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 595  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 596  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 597  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 598  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 599  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 600  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 601  
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 602  
the division. 603

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 604  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 605  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 606  
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 607  
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 608  
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 609  
of those divisions. 610

(G) In Richland county: 611

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 612  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 613  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 614

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 615  
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 616  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 617  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 618  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 619  
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 620  
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 621  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 622  
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 623  
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 624  
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 625  
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 626  
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 627  
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 628  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 629  
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 630  
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 631  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 632  
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 633  
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 634  
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 635  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 636  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 637  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 638  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 639  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 640  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 641  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 642  
of those matters. 643

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 644  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 645

be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 646  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 647  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 648  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 649  
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 650  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 651  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 652  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 653  
shall fix their duties. 654

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 655  
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 656  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 657  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 658  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 659  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 660  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 661  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 662  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 663  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 664  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 665  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 666  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 667  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 668  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 669  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 670  
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 671  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 672  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 673  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 674

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 675  
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 676

division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 677  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 678  
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 679  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 680  
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 681  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 682

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 683  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 684  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 685  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 686  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 687  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 688  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 689  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 690  
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 691

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 692  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 693  
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 694  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 695  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 696  
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 697  
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 698  
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 699  
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 700  
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 701  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 702  
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 703  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 704  
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 705

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 706

senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 707  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 708  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 709  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 710  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 711

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 712  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 713  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 714  
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 715  
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 716  
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 717  
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 718  
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 719  
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 720  
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 721  
juvenile judge to serve. 722

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 723  
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 724  
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 725  
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 726  
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 727  
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 728  
"the judge of the family court division." 729

(I) In Summit county: 730

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 731  
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 732  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 733  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 734  
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 735  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 736

division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 737  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 738  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 739  
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 740  
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 741  
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 742  
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 743  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 744  
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 745  
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 746  
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 747  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 748  
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 749  
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 750

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 751  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 752  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 753  
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 754  
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 755  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 756  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 757  
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 758  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 759  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 760  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 761  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 762  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 763  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 764  
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 765  
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 766  
action pending in the division. 767

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 768  
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 769  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 770  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 771  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 772  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 773  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 774  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 775  
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 776  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 777  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 778  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 779  
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 780  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 781  
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 782  
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 783  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 784  
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 785  
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 786

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 787  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 788  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 789  
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 790  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 791  
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 792  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 793  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 794  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 795  
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 796  
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 797  
conciliation services that are available upon request to 798

persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 799  
the division. 800

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 801  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 802  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 803  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 804  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 805  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 806  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 807  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 808  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 809  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 810  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 811  
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 812  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 813  
court of common pleas. 814

(K) In Butler county: 815

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 816  
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 817  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 818  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 819  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 820  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 821  
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 822  
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 823  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 824  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 825  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 826  
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 827  
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 828

division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 829  
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 830  
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 831  
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 832  
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 833  
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 834  
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 835  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 836  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 837  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 838  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 839  
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 840  
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 841  
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 842  
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 843  
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 844  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 845  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 846  
division. 847

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 848  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 849  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 850  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 851  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 852  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 853  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 854  
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 855  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 856  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 857

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 858  
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 859

shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges  
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers  
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases  
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the  
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not  
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be  
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to  
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to  
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a  
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the  
ward of another court of this state when the request for the  
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The  
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the  
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's  
various duties.

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall  
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours,  
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division  
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling,

servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 891  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 892  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 893  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 894

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 895  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 896  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 897  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 898  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 899  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 900

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 901  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 902  
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 903  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 904  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 905  
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 906  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 907  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 908  
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 909  
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 910  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 911  
some special reason. 912

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 913  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 914  
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 915

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 916  
supervision; 917

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 918  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 919

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 920  
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 921  
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 922  
legal separation and annulment matters. 923

(M) In Lake county: 924

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 925  
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 926  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 927  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 928  
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 929  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 930  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 931  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 932  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 933  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 934  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 935  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 936  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 937  
division. 938

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 939  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 940  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 941  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 942  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 943  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 944  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 945  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 946  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 947  
division, who request the services. 948

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 949

begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 950  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 951  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 952  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 953  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 954  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 955  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 956  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 957  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 958  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 959  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 960  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 961  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 962  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 963  
the judge's various duties. 964

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 965  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 966  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 967  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 968  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 969  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 970  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 971  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 972  
request the services. 973

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 974  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 975  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 976  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 977  
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 978  
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 979

(N) In Erie county: 980

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 981  
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 982  
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 983  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 984  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 985  
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 986  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 987  
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 988  
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 989  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 990  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 991  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 992  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 993  
other judge. 994

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 995  
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 996  
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 997  
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 998  
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 999  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1000  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1001

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1002  
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1003  
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1004  
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1005  
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1006  
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1007  
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1008  
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1009

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1010  
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1011  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1012  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1013

(O) In Greene county: 1014

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1015  
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1016  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1017  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1018  
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1019  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1020  
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1021  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1022  
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1023  
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1024  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1025  
court of common pleas. 1026

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1027  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1028  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1029  
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1030  
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1031  
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1032  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1033  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1034  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1035  
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1036  
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1037  
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1038  
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1039

personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1040  
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1041  
general division of the court of common pleas. 1042

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1043  
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1044  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1045  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1046  
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1047  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1048  
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1049  
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1050  
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1051  
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1052  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1053  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1054  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1055  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1056  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1057  
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1058  
the judge's various duties. 1059

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1060  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1061  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1062  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1063  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1064  
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1065  
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1066  
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1067  
request the services. 1068

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1069

general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1070  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1071  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1072  
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1073  
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1074  
division. 1075

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1076  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1077  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1078  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1079  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1080  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1081  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1082  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1083  
annulment cases ~~coming before the court,~~ all cases arising under 1084  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1085  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1086  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1087  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1088  
parenting time, and visitation, all proceedings arising under 1089  
the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter 1090  
3115. of the Revised Code, all proceedings arising under 1091  
sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, all 1092  
proceedings arising under the uniform child custody jurisdiction 1093  
and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of the Revised 1094  
Code, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from 1095  
those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 1096  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1097  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1098  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1099  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1100

division. 1101

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1102  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1103  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1104  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1105  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1106  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1107  
annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1108  
Revised Code, proceedings involving child support, the 1109  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1110  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1111  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1112  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1113  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, proceedings 1114  
arising under sections 3119.96 to 3119.967 of the Revised Code, 1115  
and proceedings arising under the uniform child custody 1116  
jurisdiction and enforcement act contained in Chapter 3127. of 1117  
the Revised Code, and providing any counseling and conciliation 1118  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1119  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1120  
division, who request the services. 1121

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1122  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1123  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1124  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1125  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1126  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1127  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1128  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1129  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1130  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1131

court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1132  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1133  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1134  
domestic relations division. 1135

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1136  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1137  
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1138  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1139  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1140  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1141  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1142  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1143  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1144  
division, who request the services. 1145

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1146  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1147  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1148  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1149  
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1150  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1151  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1152  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1153  
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1154  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1155  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1156  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1157  
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1158  
domestic relations division. 1159

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1160  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1161

the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1162  
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1163  
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1164  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1165  
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1166  
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1167  
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1168  
division, who request the services. 1169

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1170  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1171  
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1172  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1173  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1174  
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1175  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1176  
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1177  
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1178  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1179  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1180  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1181  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1182  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1183  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1184  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1185  
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1186  
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1187  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1188  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1189

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1190  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1191  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1192

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1193  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1194  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1195  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1196  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1197  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1198  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1199  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1200  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1201  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1202  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1203  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1204  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1205

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1206  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1207  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1208  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1209  
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1210  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1211  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1212  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1213  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1214  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1215  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1216  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1217  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1218  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1219  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1220  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1221  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1222  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1223

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1224

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1225  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1226  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1227  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1228  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1229  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1230  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1231  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1232  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1233  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1234  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1235  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1236  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1237  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1238  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1239

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1240  
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1241  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1242  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1243  
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1244  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1245  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1246  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1247  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1248  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1249  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1250  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1251  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1252  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1253  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1254

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1255  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1256  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1257  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1258

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1259  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1260  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1261  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1262  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1263  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1264  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1265  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1266  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1267  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1268  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1269  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1270  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1271  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1272  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1273

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1274  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1275  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1276  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1277  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1278  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1279  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1280  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1281  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1282  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1283  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1284  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1285

residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1286  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1287  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1288  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1289  
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1290  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1291  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1292  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1293  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1294  
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1295  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1296  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1297  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1298  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1299  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1300  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1301  
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1302  
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1303  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1304  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1305  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1306  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1307

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1308  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1309  
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1310  
personnel of the division. 1311

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1312  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1313  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1314  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1315  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1316

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1317  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1318  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1319  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1320  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1321  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1322  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1323  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1324  
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1325  
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1326  
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1327  
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1328  
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1329  
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1330  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1331  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1332  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1333  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1334  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1335  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1336  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1337  
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1338  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1339  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1340  
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1341  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1342  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1343

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1344  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1345  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1346  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1347

of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1348  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1349  
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1350  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1351  
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1352  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1353  
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1354  
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1355  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1356  
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1357  
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1358  
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1359  
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1360  
and the judges of the general division. 1361

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1362  
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1363  
children services board and the county advisory board. 1364

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1365  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1366  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1367  
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1368  
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1369  
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1370  
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1371  
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1372  
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1373  
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1374  
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1375  
domestic relations of that court. 1376

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1377

pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1378  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1379  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1380  
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1381  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1382  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1383  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1384  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1385  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1386  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1387  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1388  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1389  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1390  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1391  
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1392  
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1393  
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1394  
the personnel of the division. 1395

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1396  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1397  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1398  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1399  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1400  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1401  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1402  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1403  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1404  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1405  
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1406  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1407  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1408

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1409  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1410

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1411  
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1412  
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1413  
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1414  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1415  
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1416  
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1417  
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1418  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1419  
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1420  
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1421  
duties. 1422

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1423  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1424  
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1425  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1426  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1427  
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1428  
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1429  
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1430  
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1431  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1432  
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1433  
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1434  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1435  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1436  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1437  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1438  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1439

from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1440  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1441  
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1442  
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1443  
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1444  
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1445  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1446  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1447  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1448  
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1449  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1450  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1451  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1452  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1453  
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1454  
(Z) (1) of this section. 1455

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1456  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1457  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1458  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1459  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1460  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1461  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1462  
pleas of Marion county. 1463

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1464  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1465  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1466  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1467  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1468  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1469  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1470

juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1471  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1472  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1473  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1474  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1475  
common pleas of Marion county. 1476

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1477  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1478  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1479  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1480  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1481  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1482  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1483  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1484  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1485  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1486  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1487  
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1488  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1489  
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1490  
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1491  
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1492  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1493  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1494  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1495

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1496  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1497  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1498  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1499  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1500  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1501

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1502  
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1503  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1504  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1505  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1506  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1507  
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1508  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1509  
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1510

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1511  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1512  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1513  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1514  
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1515  
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1516  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1517  
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1518  
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1519  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1520  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1521  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1522  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1523  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1524  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1525  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1526  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1527  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1528  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1529  
the court of common pleas. 1530

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1531  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1532

that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1533  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1534  
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1535  
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1536  
common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1537  
specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1538  
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1539  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1540  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1541  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1542  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1543  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1544  
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1545  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1546  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1547  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1548  
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1549  
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1550  
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1551  
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1552  
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1553  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1554  
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1555  
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1556  
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1557  
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1558  
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1559  
addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1560  
that court otherwise specified in division (CC) (1) of this 1561  
section. 1562

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of 1563

common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court 1564  
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the 1565  
administrative judge of the family court division of the court 1566  
of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules 1567  
of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court 1568  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1569

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1570  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1571  
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1572  
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1573  
probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1574  
references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1575  
"judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1576  
2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1577  
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1578  
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1579  
(2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1580  
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1581

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1582  
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1583  
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1584  
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1585  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1586  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1587  
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1588  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1589  
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1590  
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1591  
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1592  
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1593  
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1594

Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1595  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1596  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1597  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1598  
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1599  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1600  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1601  
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1602  
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1603  
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1604  
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1605  
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1606  
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1607  
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1608  
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1609  
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1610  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1611  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1612  
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 1613  
section. 1614

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1615  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1616  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1617  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1618  
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1619  
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1620  
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1621  
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1622  
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1623  
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1624  
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judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1626  
probate division. 1627

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1628  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1629  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1630  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1631  
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1632  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1633  
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1634  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1635  
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1636  
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1637  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1638  
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1639  
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1640  
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1641  
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1642  
of common pleas. 1643

(FF) In Hardin county: 1644

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1645  
begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1646  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1647  
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1648  
common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1649  
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1650  
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1651  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1652  
or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1653  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1654  
court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1655

legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1656  
issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1657  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1658  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1659  
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1660  
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1661  
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1662  
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1663  
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1664  
the court of common pleas. 1665

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1666  
division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 1667  
shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 1668  
that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 1669  
court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 1670  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1671  
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1672

(GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1673  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1674  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1675  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1676  
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1677  
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1678  
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1679  
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1680  
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1681

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2151.23 and 2301.03 of 1682  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1683