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**A BILL**

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to add one additional judge for the Juvenile Division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2002.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2301.02.** The number of judges of the court of common pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms shall be as follows:

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957;

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955;

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 9, 1957;

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, Jackson, Knox, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Paulding,

Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, 20  
term to begin January 1, 1957; 21

In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, 22  
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 23  
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 24

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 25  
1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 26

In Henry and Putnam counties, one judge, to be elected in 27  
1956, term to begin May 9, 1957; 28

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to 29  
begin May 14, 1953; 30

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to 31  
begin July 6, 1956; 32

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 33  
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, 34  
term to begin January 1, 1979; 35

(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 36  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, 37  
term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 38  
1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 39

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 40  
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to 41  
begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to 42  
begin January 2, 1979; 43

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 44  
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 45  
begin July 1, 1991; 46

In Erie county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 47  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1970, 48  
term to begin January 2, 1971; 49

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 50  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 51  
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 52  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 53

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 54  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 55  
term to begin January 6, 1977; 56

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 57  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 58  
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, 59  
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 60  
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 61

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 62  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 63  
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 64

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 65  
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 66  
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 67

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 68  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 69  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 70  
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 71

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 72  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 73  
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 74  
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 75

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 76  
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to 77  
begin on January 1, 1971; 78

In Muskingum county, two judges, one to be elected in 1968, 79

term to begin August 9, 1969, and one to be elected in 1978, term 80  
to begin January 1, 1979; 81

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 82  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 83  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 84  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 85

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 86  
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 87  
term to begin January 1, 1977; 88

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 89  
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 90  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 91  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 92

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 93  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 94  
term to begin January 2, 1987; 95

In Warren county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 96  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 97  
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 98  
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 99

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 100  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 101  
to begin January 1, 1987; 102

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 103  
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 104  
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 105  
term to begin January 1, 1991; 106

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 107  
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 108  
respectively; 109

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 110  
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 111  
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 112  
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 113  
to begin January 2, 1995. 114

In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 115  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 116  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 117  
term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in 118  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 119

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 120  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 121  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 122

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 123  
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 124  
term to begin January 1, 1995; 125

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 126  
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 127  
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 128  
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 129  
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 130  
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 131  
2001; 132

In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 133  
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 134  
begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 135  
begin January 1, 1991; 136

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, 137  
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 138  
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 139  
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 140

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elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5,  
1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin  
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively;

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In Butler county, ~~eight~~ nine judges, one to be elected in  
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terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,  
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2,  
1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987;  
two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and  
January 2, 1989, respectively; ~~and~~ one to be elected in 1992, term  
to begin January 4, 1993; and one to be elected in 2002, term to  
begin January 2, 2003;

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In Richland county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,  
term to begin February 9, 1961, and the third to be elected in  
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969;

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In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in  
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;

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In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term  
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to  
begin January 2, 1969;

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In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952,  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954,  
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956,  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964,  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976,  
term to begin January 2, 1977+ 1 and the sixth to be elected in  
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;

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(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be  
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from

January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 172  
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 173  
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 174  
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 175  
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 176  
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 177  
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 178  
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 179  
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 180  
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 181  
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 182  
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 183  
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 184  
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 185  
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 186  
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 187  
14, 1987, respectively; 188

In Franklin county, twenty-one judges; two to be elected in 189  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 190  
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 191  
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 192  
begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 193  
1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to 194  
be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 195  
January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, 196  
term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to 197  
begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin 198  
July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be 199  
elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; 200

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 201  
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 202  
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 203

elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively;

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 1993;

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953,



respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 236  
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 237  
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 238  
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 239  
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 240  
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 241  
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In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 243  
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 244  
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 245  
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 246  
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 247  
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 248  
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 249

In Summit county, eleven judges; four to be elected in 1954, 250  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, 251  
and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, 252  
terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, 253  
respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 254  
1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; 255  
one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; and one to 256  
be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993. 257

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 258  
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 259  
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 260  
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 261  
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 262  
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 263  
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 264  
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 265  
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 266  
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 267

next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 268  
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 269  
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 270  
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 271

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 272  
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 273  
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 274  
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 275  
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 276  
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 277  
probate division. 278

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 279  
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 280  
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 281  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 282  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 283  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 284  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 285  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 286  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 287  
2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under Chapter 288  
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 289  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 290  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. In 291  
addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior in 292  
point of service shall serve on the children services board and 293  
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 294  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 295  
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(B)(1) In Hamilton county, the judge of the court of common 297  
pleas, whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and 298

the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins on  
February 14, 1967, and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as  
provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers and  
jurisdiction conferred by that chapter.

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(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin  
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and  
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have  
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or  
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of  
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the  
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of  
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a  
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are  
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the  
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges  
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible  
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of  
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The  
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the  
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge  
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is  
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court  
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year.

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In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative  
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce,

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dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 331  
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 332  
discharge of their various duties. 333

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 334  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 335  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 336  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 337  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 338  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 339  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 340  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 341  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 342  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 343  
action pending in the division. 344

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 345  
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 346  
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 347  
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 348  
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 349  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 350  
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 351  
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 352  
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 353  
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 354  
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 355  
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 356

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 357  
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 358  
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 359  
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 360  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 361

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 362

writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 363  
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 364  
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 365  
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 366  
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 367  
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 368  
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 369  
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 370  
in the case involved. 371

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ 372  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 373  
designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 374  
of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ county, and the successors to 375  
that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 376  
general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 377  
and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 378  
this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 379  
referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 380  
section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 381  
drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 382  
authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 383  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 384  
not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 385

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 387  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 388  
county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 389  
and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 390  
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 391  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 392  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 393  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 394

described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 395  
involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 396  
judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 397  
referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 398  
jurisdiction over the case. 399

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 400  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 401  
county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge 402  
under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 403  
both of the following apply: 404

(a) One of the following applies: 405

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 406  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 407  
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 408  
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 409  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 410

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 411  
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 412  
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 413  
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 414  
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 415  
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 416  
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 417

(b) All of the following apply: 418  
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(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 420  
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 421

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 422

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 423

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 424

drug or alcohol driven.

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

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(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.

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

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

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(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

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(D)(1) In Lucas county, the judges of the court of common 456  
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, 457  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 458  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 459  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and 460  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 461  
pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 462  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned 463  
to them. 464

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 465  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 466  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 467  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 468  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 469  
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 470

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 471  
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 472  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 473  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 474  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 475  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 476  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapter 477  
2151. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions 478  
conferred by that chapter. In addition to the judge's regular 479  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 480  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 481  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 482  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 483  
personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or 484  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered 485  
necessary by the judges of the division in the discharge of their 486  
various duties. 487



The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 488  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 489  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 490  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 491  
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 492  
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 493  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 494  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 495  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 496  
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(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 498  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 499  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 500  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 501  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 502  
the judges of the other of those divisions. 503

(E)(1) In Mahoning county, the judge of the court of common 504  
pleas whose term began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall 505  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 506  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 507  
the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and 508  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 509  
domestic relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, 510  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 511  
coming before the court. In addition to the judge's regular 512  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, division of 513  
domestic relations, shall be the administrator of the domestic 514  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 515  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 516  
personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or 517  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 518  
and annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary 519

in the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 520

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 521  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 522  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 523  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 524  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 525  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 526  
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 527  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 528  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 529  
action pending in the division. 530

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 531  
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 532  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 533  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 534  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 535  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 536  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the 537  
Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that 538  
chapter. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 539  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the 540  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 541  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 542  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 543  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 544  
any referees considered necessary by the judge in the discharge of 545  
the judge's various duties. 546

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 547  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 548  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 549  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 550  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 551

servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 552  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 553  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 554  
action pending in the division. 555

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 556  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 557  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 558  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 559  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 560  
common pleas. 561

(F)(1) In Montgomery county, the judges of the court of 562  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 563  
1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise 564  
the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 565  
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 566  
Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 567  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These 568  
judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 569  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 570

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 571  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 572  
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 573  
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 574  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 575  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 576  
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 577  
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 578  
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 579  
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 580  
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 581  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 582  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 583

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 584  
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 585  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 586  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 587  
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 588  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 589  
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 590  
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 591  
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In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 593  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 594  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 595  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 596  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 597  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 598  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 599  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 600  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 601  
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 602  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 603  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 604  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 605  
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 606  
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 607  
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If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 609  
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 610  
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 611  
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 612  
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 613  
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 614

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common 615

pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter  
2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which  
the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be  
assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some special  
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compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark  
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under  
Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,  
except cases that are assigned to some other judge of the court of  
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The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2151.18 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge to serve.

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(I) In Summit county:

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

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(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile

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juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title,  
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and  
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same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter  
2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which  
the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be  
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the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 748  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 749  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 750  
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 751  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 752  
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 753  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 754  
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 755  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 756  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 757  
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The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 759  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 760  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 761  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 762  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 763  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 764  
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 765  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 766  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 767  
pending in the division, who request the services. 768

(2) The ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common pleas whose ~~term~~ 769  
~~begins~~ terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and 770  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 771  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 772  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall 773  
be elected and designated as ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common 774  
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile ~~judge~~ judges 775

as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers 776  
and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. The judge of the 777  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point 778  
of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 779  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point 780  
of service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 781  
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 782  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 783  
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 784  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 785

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 786  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 787  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 788  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 789  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 790  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 791  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 792  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 793  
pending in the division, who request the services. 794

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 795  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 796  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 797  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 798  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 799  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 800

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 801  
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 802  
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 803  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 804  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 805  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 806  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 807

pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason.

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

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

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

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(M) In Lake county:

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

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personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 841  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 842  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 843  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 844  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 845  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 846  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 847  
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(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 849  
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 850  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 851  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 852  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 853  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 854  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 855  
Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. 856  
The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall 857  
be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions 858  
and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, 859  
assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 860  
division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 861  
juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 862  
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 863

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 864  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 865  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 866  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 867  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 868  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 869  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 870

are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services.

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

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

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(O) In Greene county:

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

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

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(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by that chapter. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge 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

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The judge 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 counseling and conciliation services that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who request the services.

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

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

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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties

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(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation,  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons  
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(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas,

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

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

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code,

all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1031  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1032  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1033  
custodian, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1034  
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1035  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1036  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1037  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1038  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1039

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1040  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1041  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1042  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1043  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1044  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1045  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1046  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1047  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1048  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1049  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and 1050  
visitation and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1051  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1052  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1053  
request the services. 1054

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1055  
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1056  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1057  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1058  
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1059  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1060  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1061  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1062

all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal  
custodian, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and  
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases  
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division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and  
visitation, and providing any counseling and conciliation services  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who  
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(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas  
whose term begins January 1, 1995, 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 Medina county and shall be elected and designated  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of

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marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1095  
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child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1097  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1098  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and 1099  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1100  
from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 1101  
special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of 1102  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1103  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1104  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1105

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1106  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1107  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1108  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1109  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1110  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1111  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1112  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1113  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1114  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1115  
place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and 1116  
providing counseling and conciliation services that the division 1117  
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1118  
to an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1119

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1120  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1121  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1122  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1123  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1124  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1125  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1126

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1127  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1128  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1129  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1130  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1131  
custodian, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1132  
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1133  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1134  
court of common pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction 1135  
with the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1136  
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1137  
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1138  
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1139  
cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1140  
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1141  
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1142  
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1143  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1144  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1145  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1146  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1147  
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1148  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1149  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1150  
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1151  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1152

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1153  
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1154  
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1155  
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The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1157  
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personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and  
visitation, and providing any counseling and conciliation services  
that the division makes available to persons, regardless of  
whether the persons are parties to an action pending in the  
division, who request the services. When the judge hears a case to  
determine the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011  
of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this  
state or a case that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or  
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the  
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child  
to pay child support for that child when the request for that  
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that  
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is  
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the  
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the  
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.

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(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, 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 Clark county and shall be elected and  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic  
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the  
Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of  
the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction  
shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic  
relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,  
annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases  
related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic  
relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common  
pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic  
relations division and the judges of the general division.

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

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

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas  
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the

same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1223  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1224  
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1225  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1226  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1227  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1228  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1229  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1230  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1231  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1232  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1233  
from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 1234  
special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of 1235  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1236  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1237  
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1238

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1239  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1240  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1241  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1242  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1243  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1244  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1245  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1246  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1247  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1248  
place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and 1249  
providing counseling and conciliation services that the division 1250  
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1251  
to an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1252

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1253  
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1254



be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1255  
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1256  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1257  
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1258  
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1259  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1260  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1261  
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1262  
the judge's various duties. 1263

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1264  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1265  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1266  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1267  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1268  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1269  
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1270  
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1271  
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1272  
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised 1273  
Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1274  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1275  
annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the 1276  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1277  
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1278  
residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and all post-decree 1279  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings 1280  
shall be assigned to that judge and the successors to that judge. 1281  
Except as provided in division (Z)(2) of this section and 1282  
notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised 1283  
Code, on and after February 9, 2003, the judge of the court of 1284  
common pleas of Marion county whose term begins on February 9, 1285  
1999, and the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers 1286

relating to the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1287  
Marion county in addition to the powers previously specified in 1288  
this division, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the 1289  
judge of the probate division of that court over all matters that 1290  
are within the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court 1291  
under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1292  
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic 1293  
relations-juvenile-probate division of that court otherwise 1294  
specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1295

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1296  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1297  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1298  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1299  
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1300  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1301  
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1302  
Marion county. 1303

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1304  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1305  
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1306  
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1307  
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1308  
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1309  
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1310  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1311  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1312  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1313  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1314  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1315  
common pleas of Marion county. 1316

(AA) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1317  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1318

mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1319  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1320  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 1321  
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 1322  
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 1323  
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 1324  
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1325

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the 1326  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1327