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A BILL

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised 1 Code to add one additional judge for the Juvenile Division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2002 and one additional judge to 4 5 the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas as judge of the Domestic Relations Division to be elected in 6 2002 and to maintain the provisions of this act on 7 and after January 1, 2002, by amending the version 8 of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code that takes 9 effect on that date. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised	12
Code be amended to read as follows:	13
Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common	14

pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 15 judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 16 shall be as follows: 17

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 18

elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957;	19
In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan,	20
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term	21
to begin February 9, 1955;	22
In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to	23
begin January 9, 1957;	24
In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin,	25
Jackson, Knox, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Paulding,	26
Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956,	27
term to begin January 1, 1957;	28
In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway,	29
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be	30
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	31
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in	32
1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	33
In Henry and Putnam counties, one judge, to be elected in	34
1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	35
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	36
begin May 14, 1953;	37
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	38
begin July 6, 1956;	39
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	40
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	41
term to begin January 1, 1979;	42
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	43
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958,	44
term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in	45
1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	46
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	47

term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to48begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to49begin January 2, 1979;50

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 51 to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 52 begin July 1, 1991; 53

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

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 57 term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 58 term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 59 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 60

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

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 64 term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 65 term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, 66 term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 67 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 68

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 69 term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 70 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 71

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

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 75 term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 76 term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 77

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1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	78
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	79
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	80
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	81
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	82
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term	83
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to	84
begin on January 1, 1971;	85
In Muskingum county, two <u>three</u> judges, one to be elected in	86
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, and one to be elected in 1978,	87
term to begin January 1, 1979 <u>, and one to be elected in 2002, term</u>	88
to begin January 2, 2003;	89
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	90
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	91
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in	92
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	93
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	94
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976,	95
term to begin January 1, 1977;	96
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	97
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960,	98
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in	99
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	100
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	101
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986,	102
term to begin January 2, 1987;	103
In Warren county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	104
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970,	105
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in	106
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	107

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In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 108 term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 109 to begin January 1, 1987; 110

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 111 beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 112 to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 113 term to begin January 1, 1991; 114

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 115 in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 117 respectively;

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 118 to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 119 to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 120 begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 121 to begin January 2, 1995. 122

In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 123 term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 124 term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 125 term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in 126 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 127

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 128 term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 129 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 130

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 131 term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 132 term to begin January 1, 1995; 133

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 134 to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 135 to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 136 begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 137 terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 138

139 and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 140 2001;

In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 141 term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 142 begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 143 begin January 1, 1991; 144

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, 145 terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 146 one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 147 be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 148 elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 149 1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 150 January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; 151

In Butler county, eight <u>nine</u> judges, one to be elected in 152 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 153 terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 154 respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 155 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; 156 two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and 157 January 2, 1989, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term 158 to begin January 4, 1993; and one to be elected in 2002, term to 159 begin January 2, 2003; 160

In Richland county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 161 term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 162 term to begin February 9, 1961, and the third to be elected in 163 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; 164

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 165 term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 166 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 167

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 168 beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 169

begin January 2, 1969;

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 171 term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 172 term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 173 term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 174 term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 175 term to begin January 2, 1977 \div _ and the sixth to be elected in 176 1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 177

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 178 elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from 179 January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 180 respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 181 successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 182 1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 183 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 184 begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 185 to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 186 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 187 January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 188 successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 189 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 190 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 191 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 192 to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 193 January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 194 be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 195 14, 1987, respectively; 196

In Franklin county, twenty-one judges; two to be elected in 197 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 198 respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 199 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 200 begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 201

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1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to202be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning203January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982,204term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to205begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin206July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be207elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997;208

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 209 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 210 February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 211 elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 212 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 213 one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 214 be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 215 elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 216 April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 217 1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 218 1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 219

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 220 terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 221 respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 222 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 223 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 224 respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 225 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 226 two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 227 January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 228 begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 229 January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 230 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 231 1993; 232

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in

1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and234February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to235begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin236January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January2372, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1,2381991;239

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 240 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 241 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 242 January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953, 243 respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 244 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 245 three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 246 beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 247 in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 248 respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 249 1, 1993. 250

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 251 term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 252 to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 253 two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 254 April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 255 begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 256 begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 257

In Summit county, eleven judges; four to be elected in 1954, 258 terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, 259 and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, 260 terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, 261 respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 262 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; 263 one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; and one to 264 be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993. 265

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Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 266 having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 267 more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 268 at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 269 elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 270 general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 271 the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 272 date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 273 the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 274 fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 275 next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 276 on the first day of the year following that general election, on 277 which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 278 judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 279

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 280 are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 281 pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 282 except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 283 Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 284 elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 285 probate division.

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 287 of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 288 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 289 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 290 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 291 other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 292 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 293 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 294 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 295 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under Chapter 296

3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 297 jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 298 separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. In 299 addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior in 300 point of service shall serve on the children services board and 301 the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 302 domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 303

(B)(1) In Hamilton county, the judge of the court of common
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pleas, whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and
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the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins on
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February 14, 1967, and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as
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provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers and
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jurisdiction conferred by that chapter.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 311 on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 312 313 successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 314 assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 315 separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 316 after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 317 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 318 division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 319 the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 320 majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 321 unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 322 division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 323 of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 324 after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 325 domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 326 term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 327 first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 328

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.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 333 judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 334 administrator of the domestic relations division and its 335 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 336 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 337 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 338 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 339 including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 340 discharge of their various duties. 341

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 342 relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 343 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 344 personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 345 personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 346 provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 347 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 348 of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 349 and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 350 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 351 action pending in the division. 352

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 353 of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 354 the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 355 of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 356 other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 357 investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 358 separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 359 all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 360

expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 361 domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 362 division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 363 adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 364

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 365 and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 366 from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 367 upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 368 administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 369

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 370 writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 371 investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 372 any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 373 law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 374 apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 375 citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 376 than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 377 the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 378 in the case involved. 379

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton County 380 county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 381 designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 382 of common pleas of Hamilton County county, and the successors to 383 that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 384 general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 385 and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 386 this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 387 referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 388 section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 389 drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 390 authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 391 dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 392 not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.

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A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 395 of Hamilton County county and a judge of the Hamilton County 396 county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 397 and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 398 described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 399 the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 400 case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 401 court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 402 described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 403 involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 404 judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 405 referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 406 jurisdiction over the case. 407

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 408 of Hamilton County county and a judge of the Hamilton County 409 county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge 410 under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 411 both of the following apply: 412

(a) One of the following applies:

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

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming

drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	425
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(b) All of the following apply:	427
(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in	428
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed.	429
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	430
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	431
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is	432
drug or alcohol driven.	433
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to	434
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	435
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	436
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor	437
approves of the referral.	438
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas	439
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending	440
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient	441
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in	442
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common	443
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from	444
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the	445
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the	446
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administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 447 before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 448 the drug court judge. 449

(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

455 Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 456 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 457 shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 458 cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage 459 proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 460 all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 461 annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 462 some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court 463 of common pleas.

(D)(1) In Lucas county, the judges of the court of common 464 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, 465 and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 467 other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and 468 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 469 pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 470 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned 471 to them. 472

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 473 point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 474 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 475 shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 476 the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 477 other personnel of the domestic relations division. 478

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 479 on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 480 the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 481 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 482 the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 483 designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 484 division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapter 485 2151. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdictions 486

487 conferred by that chapter. In addition to the judge's regular 488 duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 489 senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 490 juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 491 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 492 personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or 493 investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered 494 necessary by the judges of the division in the discharge of their 495 various duties.

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 496 senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 497 compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 498 vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 499 of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 500 addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 501 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 502 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 503 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 504 action pending in the division. 505

(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 by
the judges of the other of those divisions.

(E)(1) In Mahoning county, the judge of the court of common
pleas whose term began 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 Mahoning county, shall be elected and
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of
domestic relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce,

519 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 520 coming before the court. In addition to the judge's regular 521 duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, division of 522 domestic relations, shall be the administrator of the domestic 523 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 524 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 525 personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or 526 investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 527 and annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary 528 in the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 529 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 530 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 531 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 532 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 533 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 534 legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 535 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 536 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 537 action pending in the division. 538

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 539 on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 540 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 541 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 542 common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 543 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 544 shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the 545 Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that 546 chapter. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 547 the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the 548 administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 549 departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 550

551 and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 552 handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 553 any referees considered necessary by the judge in the discharge of 554 the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 555 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 556 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 557 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 558 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 559 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 561 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 562 action pending in the division. 563

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 564 domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 565 unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 566 cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 567 judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 568 common pleas. 569

(F)(1) In Montgomery county, the judges of the court of 570 common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 571 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise 572 the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 573 compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 574 Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 575 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These 576 judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 577 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 578

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 579 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 580 and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 581 the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 582

583 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 584 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 585 including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 586 be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 587 section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 588 Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 589 point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 590 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 591 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 592 on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 593 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 594 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 595 the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 596 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 597 division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 598 the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 599 Code. 600

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 601 court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 602 service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 603 its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 604 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 605 juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 606 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 607 The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 608 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 609 and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 610 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 611 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 612 investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 613 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 614 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 615 division. 616

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 617 of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 618 pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 619 that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 620 division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 621 performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 622

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common 623 pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall 624 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 625 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 626 judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall 627 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 628 division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 629 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 630 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which 631 the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution 632 of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 633 assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some special 634 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 635 pleas. 636

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 637 whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 638 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 639 exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 640 compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 641 county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 642 of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 643 all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 644 Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 645 which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 646

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 647 648 649 650

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 651 senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 652 and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 653 handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 654 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 655 referees required for the judge's respective court. 656

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 657 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 658 administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2151.18 659 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 660 work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 661 other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 662 that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 663 may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 664 service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 665 position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 666 to serve. 667

(I) In Summit county:

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(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 669 on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 670 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 671 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 672 the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 673 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 674 domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 675 relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 676 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 677 that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 678

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679 the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 680 judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 681 to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 682 visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 683 and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 684 proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 685 matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 686 have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 687 interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 688 Revised Code.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 689 point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 690 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 691 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 692 personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 693 are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 694 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 695 That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 696 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 697 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 698 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 699 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 700 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 701 of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 702 upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 703 action pending in the division. 704

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins
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qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
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receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of
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common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as
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judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall
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711 be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 712 provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code. Except in cases 713 that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 714 juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall not have 715 jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 716 case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, 717 or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the 718 care of children or any post-decree proceeding arising from any 719 case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile 720 division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 721 shall not be assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate 722 family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 724 division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 725 charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 726 personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 727 referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 728 juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 729 compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 730 vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 731 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 732 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 733 investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 734 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 735 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 736 division. 737

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common
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other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and
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743 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 744 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 745 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 746 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which 747 the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution 748 of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 749 assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are 750 assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 752 on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 753 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 754 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 755 the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 756 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 757 domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 758 relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 759 760 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 761 to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 762 in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 763 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 764 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 765 division. 766

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 767 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 768 and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 769 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 770 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 771 investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 772 separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 773 774 conciliation services that the division makes available to

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose term 777 begins terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and 778 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 779 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 780 other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall 781 be elected and designated as judge judges of the court of common 782 pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge judges 783 as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers 784 and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. The judge of the 785 court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point 786 of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 787 and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point 788 of service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 789 supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 790 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 791 including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 792 discharge of the judge's various duties. 793

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 794 the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 795 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 796 fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 797 other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 798 investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 799 conciliation services that the division makes available to 800 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 801 pending in the division, who request the services. 802

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of
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domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or
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unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of
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cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties
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of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 807 domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 808

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 809 pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 810 January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 811 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 812 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 813 other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 814 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 815 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 816 powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 817 separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 818 to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 819 reason. 820

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic
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 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has
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 the following powers concerning division personnel:
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(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 824supervision; 825

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses,826allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.827

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees
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 engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or
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(M) In Lake county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins
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on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
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receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of
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common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as
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838 judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 839 relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 840 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 841 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 842 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 843 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 844 of the work of the division and with the employment and 845 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 846 division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 847 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 848 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 849 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 850 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 851 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 852 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 853 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 854 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 855 services. 856

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 857 on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 858 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 859 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 860 common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 861 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 862 be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 863 Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. 864 The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall 865 be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions 866 and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, 867 assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 868 division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 869 juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 870 necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 871

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 872 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 873 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 874 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 875 the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 876 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 877 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 878 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 879 services. 880

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 881 domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 882 unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 883 cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 884 of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 885 domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 886

(N) In Erie county, the judge of the court of common pleas 887 whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and successors, shall have 888 the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 889 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 890 of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected 891 and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 892 domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating 893 to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapter 894 2151. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the 895 juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of 896 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that 897 for some special reason are assigned to some other judge. 898

(O) In Greene county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 900

901 on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 902 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 903 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 904 common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 905 as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 906 relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 907 marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 908 enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 909 related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 910 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 911 pleas.

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 912 of the work of the division and with the employment and 913 supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 914 shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 915 and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 916 duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 917 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 918 and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 919 separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 920 and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 921 and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 922 or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 923 division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 924 the overall court budget and shall be included in the 925 appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 926 the court of common pleas. 927

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins
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qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
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common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as
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933 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 934 after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 935 Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction 936 conferred by that chapter. The judge of the court of common pleas, 937 juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile 938 division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 939 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 940 personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 941 servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees 942 whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the 943 judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 944 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 945 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 946 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 947 the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 948 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 949 makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 950 to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 951

(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.

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common
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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
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division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all

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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, 972 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 973 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 974 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 975 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 976 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 977 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 978 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 979 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 980 services. 981

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 982 pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 983 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 984 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 985 judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 986 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 987 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 988 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 989 cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 990 special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 991 common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 992 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 993 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 994 division. 995

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 996

997 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 998 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 999 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1000 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1001 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1002 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1003 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1004 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1005 services.

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1006 whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1007 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1008 and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1009 of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1010 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1011 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1012 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1013 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1014 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1015 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1016 of the work of the division and with the employment and 1017 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1018 division. 1019

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1020 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1021 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1022 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1023 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1024 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1025 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1026 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1027 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1028 services.

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 1030 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 1031 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1032 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1033 judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 1034 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1035 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1036 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1037 cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1038 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1039 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1040 the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1041 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1042 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1043 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1044 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1045 charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1046 division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1047 of the division. 1048

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1049 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1050 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1051 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1052 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1053 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1054 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1055 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1056 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1057 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1058 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1059 parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1060

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conciliation services that the division makes available to1061persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action1062pending in the division, who request the services.1063

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1064 whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1065 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1066 and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1067 of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1068 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1069 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1070 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1071 all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1072 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1073 rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1074 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1075 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1076 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1077 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1078 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1079 charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1080 division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1081 of the division. 1082

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1083 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1084 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1085 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1086 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1087 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1088 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1089 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1090 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1091 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1092

the children of a place of residence and legal custodian,1093parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and1094conciliation services that the division makes available to1095persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action1096pending in the division, who request the services.1097

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1098 whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1099 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1100 and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1101 common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1102 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1103 relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1104 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1105 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1106 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1107 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1108 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1109 parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1110 and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1111 cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1112 of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1113 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1114 employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1115

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1116 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1117 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1118 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1119 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1120 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1121 legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1122 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1123 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1124

for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing 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.

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1131 pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1132 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1133 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1134 judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1135 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1136 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1137 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1138 cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1139 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1140 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1141 the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1142 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1143 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1144 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1145 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1146 concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1147 court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1148 hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1149 section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1150 another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1151 quardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1152 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1153 child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1154 that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1155 of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1156

action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for1157support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that1158is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the1159probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of1160Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is1161an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree1162proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases.1163

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1164 with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1165 with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1166 division. 1167

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1168 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1169 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1170 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1171 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1172 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1173 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1174 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1175 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1176 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1177 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1178 parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1179 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1180 persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1181 action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1182 judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1183 in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1184 another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1185 parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1186 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1187 parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1188

1189 request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1190 dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1191 criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1192 violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1193 Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1194 jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1195 common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1196 that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1197 duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1198 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1199 of cases.

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1200 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1201 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1202 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1203 the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1204 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1205 relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1206 to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the 1207 Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of 1208 the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction 1209 shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic 1210 relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1211 annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases 1212 related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic 1213 relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common 1214 pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic 1215 relations division and the judges of the general division. 1216

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(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1218
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1219
services board and the county advisory board. 1220

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1221 county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1222 to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1223 of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1224 volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1225 necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1226 domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1227 division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1228 county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1229 that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1230 with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1231 court. 1232

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1233 whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1234 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1235 and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1236 common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1237 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1238 relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1239 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1240 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1241 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1242 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1243 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1244 parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1245 matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1246 that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1247 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1248 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1249 employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1250

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1251 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1252

1253 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1254 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1255 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1256 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1257 legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1258 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1259 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1260 for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1261 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1262 visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1263 that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1264 persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1265 request the services.

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1266 divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1267 be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1268 the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1269 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1270 court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1271 domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1272 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1273 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1274 including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1275 the judge's various duties. 1276

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1277 pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1278 that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1279 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1280 other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1281 shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1282 pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1283 otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1284

1285 successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1286 juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised 1287 Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1288 all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1289 annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the 1290 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1291 children and the designation for the children of a place of 1292 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1293 all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1294 and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge and the successors 1295 to that judge. Except as provided in division (Z)(2) of this 1296 section and notwithstanding any other provision of any section of 1297 the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, the judge of the 1298 court of common pleas of Marion county whose term begins on 1299 February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, shall have all 1300 the powers relating to the probate division of the court of common 1301 pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers previously 1302 specified in this division, and shall exercise concurrent 1303 jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of that court 1304 over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 1305 division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, 1306 of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the 1307 domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1308 otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section.

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1309 division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1310 judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1311 Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1312 of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1313 regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1314 the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1315 Marion county. 1316

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1317 "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1318 "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1319 to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1320 division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1321 and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1322 division" and "the judge of the domestic relations-1323 juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1324 references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1325 construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1326 the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1327 section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1328 common pleas of Marion county. 1329

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1330 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1331 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1332 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1333 judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1334 be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1335 pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of 1336 the powers relating to juvenile courts and shall be assigned all 1337 cases under Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all 1338 parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1339 jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1340 separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 1341 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child 1342 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1343 for the care of children, the designation for the children of a 1344 place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and all 1345 post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1346 proceedings, except cases that for some special reason are 1347 assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. 1348

(BB) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1349 domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1350 mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1351 that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1352 judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 1353 be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 1354 county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 1355 court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 1356 conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1357

Section 2. That existing sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the1358Revised Code are hereby repealed.1359

Section 3. That the version of section 2301.03 of the Revised 1360 Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, be amended 1361 to read as follows: 1362

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 1363 of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1364 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 1365 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1366 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1367 other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 1368 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1369 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1370 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1371 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1372 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1373 court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1374 legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1375 In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 1376 in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 1377 the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 1378

domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 1379

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(B) In Hamilton county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 1382 on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1383 common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 1384 successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1385 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1386 jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1387

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1388 on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 1389 successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1390 of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 1391 assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1392 separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 1393 after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 1394 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 1395 division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 1396 the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 1397 majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 1398 unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 1399 division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 1400 of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 1401 after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 1402 domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 1403 term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 1404 first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 1405 is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 1406 elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 1407 of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1408 administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 1409

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 1410 judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 1411 administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1412 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1413 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1414 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1415 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1416 including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 1417 discharge of their various duties. 1418

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1419 relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1420 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1421 personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1422 personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1423 provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 1424 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 1425 of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1426 and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1427 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1428 action pending in the division. 1429

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 1430 of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 1431 the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 1432 of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 1433 other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 1434 investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1435 separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 1436 all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 1437 expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 1438 domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 1439 division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 1440 adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 1441

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 1442 and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 1443 from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 1444 upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 1445 administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 1446

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1447 writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 1448 investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 1449 any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 1450 law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 1451 apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 1452 citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 1453 than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 1454 the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 1455 in the case involved. 1456

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton County 1457 county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 1458 designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 1459 of common pleas of Hamilton County county, and the successors to 1460 that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1461 general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 1462 and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 1463 this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 1464 referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 1465 section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 1466 drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 1467 authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1468 dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 1469 not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1470

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A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1472 of Hamilton County county and a judge of the Hamilton County 1473

county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 1474 and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1475 described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 1476 the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1477 case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1478 court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1479 described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 1480 involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 1481 judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 1482 referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 1483 jurisdiction over the case. 1484

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1485 of Hamilton County county and a judge of the Hamilton County 1486 county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge 1487 under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 1488 both of the following apply: 1489

(a) One of the following applies:

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in
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section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1,
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1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the
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offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.
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(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 1496 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 1497 fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 1498 felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 1499 committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 1500 defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 1501 drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 1502

(b) All of the following apply:

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(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 1505 which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 1506 (ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 1507 (iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 1508 (iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 1509 drug or alcohol driven. 1510 (v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 1511 participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 1512 (vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 1513 (vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 1514 approves of the referral. 1515 (4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 1516 of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 1517 before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 1518 caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 1519 accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 1520 Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 1521 the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 1522 administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 1523 administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 1524 before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 1525 the drug court judge. 1526 (C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1527

whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 1528 2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1529 exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1530 compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1531 Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 1532 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 1533 shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 1534

cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all1535parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has1536jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal1537separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except1538cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other1539judge of the court of common pleas.1540

(D) In Lucas county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1542 on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 1543 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1544 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1545 the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 1546 designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1547 domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1548 separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1549

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1550 point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1551 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1552 shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1553 the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1554 other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1555

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1556 on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 1557 the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1558 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1559 the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 1560 designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1561 division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1562 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1563 jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1564 judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1565 juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1566

administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and1567departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment,1568and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in1569handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including1570any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in1571the discharge of their various duties.1572

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1573 senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1574 compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1575 vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 1576 of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1577 addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 1578 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1579 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1580 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1581 action pending in the division. 1582

(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 by
the judges of the other of those divisions.

(E) In Mahoning county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1590 on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1591 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1592 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1593 common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1594 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1595 relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1596 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1597 court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1598

1599 court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1600 the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1601 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1602 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1603 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1604 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1605 including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1606 the various duties of the judge's office.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1607 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1608 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1609 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1610 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1611 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1612 legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 1613 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1614 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1615 action pending in the division. 1616

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1617 on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1618 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1619 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1620 common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1621 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1622 shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1623 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1624 conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1625 duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1626 shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 1627 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1628 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1629 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 1630

cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 1631 the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1632

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1633 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1634 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1635 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1636 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1637 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1638 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1639 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1640 action pending in the division. 1641

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1642 domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1643 unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1644 cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1645 judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 1646 common pleas. 1647

(F) In Montgomery county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1649 on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 1650 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1651 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1652 the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1653 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1654 division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1655 to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1656 and annulment cases. 1657

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1658 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 1659 and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 1660 the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 1661

1662 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1663 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1664 including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 1665 be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 1666 section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 1667 Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1668 point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 1669 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1670 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1671 on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1672 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1673 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1674 the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 1675 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1676 division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 1677 the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1678 Revised Code. 1679

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1680 court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1681 service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1682 its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1683 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1684 juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1685 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1686 The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1687 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1688 and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1689 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1690 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1691 investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1692 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1693

1694 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1695 division.

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1696 of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1697 pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1698 that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1699 division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1700 performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1701

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common 1702 pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall 1703 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1704 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1705 judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall 1706 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1707 division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 1708 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1709 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1710 over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1711 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1712 shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some 1713 special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1714 common pleas. 1715

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1716 whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1717 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1718 exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1719 compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 1720 county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1721 of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1722 all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1723 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1724 proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1725

all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and1726annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other1727judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall1728be assigned to the judges.1729

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 1730 senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1731 and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1732 handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1733 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1734 referees required for the judge's respective court. 1735

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1736 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1737 administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 1738 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 1739 work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1740 other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 1741 that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 1742 may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 1743 service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 1744 position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 1745 to serve. 1746

(I) In Summit county:

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(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1748 on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 1749 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1750 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1751 the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 1752 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1753 domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1754 relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 1755 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1756 that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 1757

1758 the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 1759 judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 1760 to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 1761 visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 1762 and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 1763 proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1764 matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 1765 have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 1766 interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 1767 Revised Code.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1768 point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1769 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1770 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1771 personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 1772 are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1773 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 1774 That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1775 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1776 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1777 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1778 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1779 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1780 of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 1781 upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1782 action pending in the division. 1783

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1784 on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1785 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1786 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1787 common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 1788 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1789

1790 be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 1791 provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 1792 in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 1793 of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 1794 not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1795 assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 1796 child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 1797 responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 1798 proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1799 matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1800 jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1801 proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1802 contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1803 division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 1804 charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1805 personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1806 referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1807 juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 1808 compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 1809 vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1810 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1811 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1812 investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1813 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1814 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1815 division. 1816

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977,
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 Trumbull county and
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1822 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1823 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1824 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1825 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1826 over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1827 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1828 shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1829 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1830 pleas.

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1832 on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 1833 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1834 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1835 the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 1836 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1837 domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1838 relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 1839 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1840 court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 1841 to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 1842 in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1843 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1844 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1845 division. 1846

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 1847 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1848 and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1849 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1850 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1851 investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1852 separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 1853

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conciliation services that the division makes available to1854persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action1855pending in the division, who request the services.1856

(2) The judge judges of the court of common pleas whose term 1857 begins terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and 1858 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1859 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1860 other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall 1861 be elected and designated as judge judges of the court of common 1862 pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge judges 1863 as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with 1864 the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The 1865 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1866 senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1867 juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge_ 1868 senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment, 1869 assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 1870 division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1871 juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 1872 necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1873

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 1875 the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1876 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1877 fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1878 other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1879 investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 1880 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1881 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1882 pending in the division, who request the services. 1883

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1884domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1885

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1886 cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1887 of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1888 domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1889

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 1890 pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 1891 January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 1892 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1893 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1894 other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1895 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1896 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1897 powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1898 separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1899 to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1900 1901 reason.

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic
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 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has
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 the following powers concerning division personnel:
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(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and1905supervision;1906
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(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1907 allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1908

(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.

(M) In Lake county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins
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on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same
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qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
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1917 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1918 common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1919 judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1920 relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1921 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1922 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1923 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1924 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1925 of the work of the division and with the employment and 1926 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1927 division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1928 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1929 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1930 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1931 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1932 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1933 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1934 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1935 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1936 services. 1937

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1938 on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1939 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1940 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1941 common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1942 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1943 be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1944 the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1945 those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1946 division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1947 its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1948 the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1949 the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1950 investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1951 judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1952 duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1954 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1955 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1956 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1957 the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1958 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1959 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1960 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1961 services. 1962

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1963 domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1964 unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1965 cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1966 of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1967 domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1968

(N) In Erie county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1969 whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and successors, shall have 1970 the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1971 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1972 of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected 1973 and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1974 domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1975 to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1976 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1977 which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1978 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1979 except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1980

other judge.	1981
(0) In Greene county:	1982
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins	1983
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same	1984
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and	1985
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of	1986
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated	1987
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic	1988
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of	1989
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support	1990
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases	1991
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special	1992

reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common

pleas.

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1995 of the work of the division and with the employment and 1996 supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1997 shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1998 and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1999 duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 2000 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2001 and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2002 separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 2003 and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 2004 and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 2005 or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 2006 division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 2007 the overall court budget and shall be included in the 2008 appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 2009 the court of common pleas. 2010

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2011 on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2012

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2013 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2014 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2015 common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 2016 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 2017 after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 2018 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2019 jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2020 of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 2021 the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2022 judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2023 supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2024 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2025 including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2026 discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2027 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2028 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2029 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2030 the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2031 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 2032 makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 2033 to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2034

(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.

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common
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pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall
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have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and
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jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other
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2045 judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 2046 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2047 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2048 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2049 cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2050 special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2051 common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2052 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2053 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2054 division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2055 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2056 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2057 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2058 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2059 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2060 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2061 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2062 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2063 services. 2064

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2065 pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2066 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2067 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2068 judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2069 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2070 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2071 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2072 cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2073 special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2074 common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2075 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2076

2077 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2078 division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2079 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2080 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2081 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2082 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2083 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2084 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2085 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2086 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2087 services. 2088

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2089 whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 2090 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2091 and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2092 of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 2093 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2094 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2095 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2096 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2097 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2098 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2099 of the work of the division and with the employment and 2100 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2101 division. 2102

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2103 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2104 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2105 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2106 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2107 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2108

providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2109 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2110 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2112 services.

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 2113 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 2114 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2115 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2116 judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 2117 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2118 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2119 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2120 cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2121 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2122 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2123 the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2124 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2125 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2126 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2127 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2128 charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2129 division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2130 of the division. 2131

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2132 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2133 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2134 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2135 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2136 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2137 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2138 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2139 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2140

responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, 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 request the services. 2141 2142 2142 2143 2143 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2144 2145 2145 2145

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2147 whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 2148 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2149 and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2150 of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 2151 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2152 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2153 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2154 all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2155 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2156 rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2157 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2158 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2159 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2160 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2161 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2162 charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2163 division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2164 of the division. 2165

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2166 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2167 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2168 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2169 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2170 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2171 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2172

2173 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2174 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2175 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2176 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2177 parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2178 conciliation services that the division makes available to 2179 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2180 pending in the division, who request the services.

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2181 whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2182 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2183 and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2184 common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 2185 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2186 relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2187 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2188 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2189 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2190 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2191 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2192 parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2193 and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2194 cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2195 of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2196 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2197 employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2198

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2199 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2200 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2201 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2202 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2203 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2204

2205 legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2206 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2207 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2208 for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2209 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2210 visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2211 that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2212 persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2213 request the services.

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2214 pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2215 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2216 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2217 judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 2218 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2219 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2220 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2221 cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2222 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2223 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2224 the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2225 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2226 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2227 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2228 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 2229 concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 2230 court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 2231 hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 2232 2233 section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 2234 guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 2235 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 2236

2237 child to pay child support for that child when the request for 2238 that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 2239 of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2240 action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2241 support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 2242 is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2243 probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2244 Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 2245 an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2246 proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases.

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 2247 with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 2248 with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 2249 division. 2250

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2251 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2252 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2253 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2254 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2255 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2256 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2257 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2258 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2259 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2260 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2261 parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2262 conciliation services that the division makes available to 2263 persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 2264 action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 2265 judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 2266 in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2267 another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 2268

2269 parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2270 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 2271 parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 2272 request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2273 dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 2274 criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 2275 violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 2276 Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 2277 jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 2278 common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 2279 that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 2280 duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 2281 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 2282 of cases.

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2283 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2284 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2285 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2286 the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 2287 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2288 relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 2289 to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2290 of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 2291 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 2292 jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 2293 domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2294 separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 2295 other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 2296 domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 2297 of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 2298 domestic relations division and the judges of the general 2299 division. 2300

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2301
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 2302
services board and the county advisory board. 2303

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2304 county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 2305 to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 2306 of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 2307 volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 2308 necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 2309 domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 2310 division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 2311 county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 2312 that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 2313 with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 2314 court. 2315

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2316 whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2317 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2318 and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2319 common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 2320 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2321 relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2322 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2323 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2324 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2325 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2326 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2327 parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 2328 matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 2329 that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 2330 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2331 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2332

employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2333

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2334 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2335 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2336 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2337 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2338 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2339 legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2340 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2341 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2342 for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2343 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2344 visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2345 that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2346 persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2347 request the services. 2348

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 2349 divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 2350 be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 2351 the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2352 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2353 court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 2354 domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 2355 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2356 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2357 including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 2358 the judge's various duties. 2359

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2360 pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2361 that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2362 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2363 other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 2364

2365 shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2366 pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2367 otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2368 successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2369 juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2370 the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2371 Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2372 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2373 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2374 for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2375 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2376 visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2377 from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2378 and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2379 (Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 2380 any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 2381 the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 2382 begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 2383 shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 2384 court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 2385 previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 2386 concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2387 that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2388 the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2389 provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2390 the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2391 otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section.

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate
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division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of
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of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county,
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regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of Marion county. 2397 2398 2398 2399

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 2400 "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2401 "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2402 to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 2403 division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2404 and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2405 division" and "the judge of the domestic relations-2406 juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2407 references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2408 construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2409 the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2410 section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2411 common pleas of Marion county. 2412

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2413 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 2414 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2415 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2416 judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 2417 be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2418 pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of 2419 the powers relating to juvenile courts and shall be assigned all 2420 cases under Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all 2421 parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2422 jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2423 separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 2424 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child 2425 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2426 for the care of children, the designation for the children of a 2427 place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and all 2428

post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and2429proceedings, except cases that for some special reason are2430assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.2431

(BB) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2432 domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2433 mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2434 that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2435 judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2436 be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2437 county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2438 court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2439 conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2440

Section 4. That the existing version of section 2301.03 of 2441 the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, 2442 is hereby repealed. 2443

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect 2444 January 1, 2002. 2445

Section 6. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is presented 2446 in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended 2447 by both Am. Sub. S.B. 179 and Am. Sub. S.B. 180 of the 123rd 2448 General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle 2449 stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 2450 amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2451 simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting 2452 version of the section in effect on and after January 1, 2002. 2453