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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 2  
Division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas 3  
to be elected in 2002 and one additional judge to 4  
the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas as judge 5  
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 versions 8  
of sections 2151.07 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code 9  
that take effect on that date. 10

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

**Section 1.** That sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised 11  
Code be amended to read as follows: 12

**Sec. 2301.02.** The number of judges of the court of common 13  
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 14  
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 15  
shall be as follows: 16

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 17

elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 18

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 19  
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term 20  
to begin February 9, 1955; 21

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 22  
begin January 9, 1957; 23

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 24  
Jackson, Knox, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Paulding, 25  
Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, 26  
term to begin January 1, 1957; 27

In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, 28  
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 29  
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 30

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 31  
1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 32

In Henry and Putnam counties, one judge, to be elected in 33  
1956, term to begin May 9, 1957; 34

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to 35  
begin May 14, 1953; 36

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to 37  
begin July 6, 1956; 38

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 39  
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, 40  
term to begin January 1, 1979; 41

(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 42  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, 43  
term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 44  
1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 45

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 46

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

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

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,  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970,  
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;

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,  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,  
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978,  
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in  
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;

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

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,  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in

1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 77

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 78  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 79  
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 80  
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 81

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 82  
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to 83  
begin on January 1, 1971; 84

In Muskingum county, ~~two~~ three judges, one to be elected in 85  
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, ~~and~~ one to be elected in 1978, 86  
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term 87  
to begin January 2, 2003; 88

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 89  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 90  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 91  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 92

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 93  
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 94  
term to begin January 1, 1977; 95

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 96  
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 97  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 98  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 99

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 100  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 101  
term to begin January 2, 1987; 102

In Warren county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 103  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 104  
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 105  
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 106

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 107  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 108  
to begin January 1, 1987; 109

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 110  
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 111  
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 112  
term to begin January 1, 1991; 113

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 114  
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 115  
respectively; 116

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 117  
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 118  
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 119  
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 120  
to begin January 2, 1995. 121

In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 122  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 123  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 124  
term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in 125  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 126

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 127  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 128  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 129

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 130  
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 131  
term to begin January 1, 1995; 132

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 133  
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 134  
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 135  
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 136  
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 137

and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 138  
2001; 139

In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 140  
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 141  
begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 142  
begin January 1, 1991; 143

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, 144  
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 145  
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 146  
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 147  
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 148  
1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 149  
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; 150

In Butler county, ~~eight~~ nine judges, one to be elected in 151  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 152  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 153  
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 154  
1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; 155  
two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and 156  
January 2, 1989, respectively; ~~and~~ one to be elected in 1992, term 157  
to begin January 4, 1993; and one to be elected in 2002, term to 158  
begin January 2, 2003; 159

In Richland county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 160  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 161  
term to begin February 9, 1961, and the third to be elected in 162  
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; 163

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 164  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 165  
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 166

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 167  
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 168

begin January 2, 1969;

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

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(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be  
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from  
January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955,  
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on  
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8,  
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1,  
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to  
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two  
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January  
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on  
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on  
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12,  
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18,  
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in  
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977,  
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin  
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to  
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January  
14, 1987, respectively;

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

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

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

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

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



1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 233  
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 234  
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 235  
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 236  
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 237  
1991; 238

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 239  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 240  
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 241  
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953, 242  
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 243  
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 244  
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 245  
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 246  
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 247  
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 248  
1, 1993. 249

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 250  
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 251  
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 252  
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 253  
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 254  
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 255  
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 256

In Summit county, eleven judges; four to be elected in 1954, 257  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, 258  
and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, 259  
terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, 260  
respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 261  
1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; 262  
one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; and one to 263  
be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993. 264

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 265  
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 266  
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 267  
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 268  
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 269  
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 270  
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 271  
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 272  
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 273  
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 274  
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 275  
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 276  
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 277  
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 278

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 279  
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 280  
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 281  
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 282  
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 283  
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 284  
probate division. 285

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 286  
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 287  
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 288  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 289  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 290  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 291  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 292  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 293  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 294  
2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under Chapter 295

3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 296  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 297  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. In 298  
addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior in 299  
point of service shall serve on the children services board and 300  
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 301  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 302

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(B)(1) In Hamilton county, the judge of the court of common 304  
pleas, whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and 305  
the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins on 306  
February 14, 1967, and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as 307  
provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 308  
jurisdiction conferred by that chapter. 309

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 310  
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 311  
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 312  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 313  
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 314  
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 315  
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 316  
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 317  
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 318  
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 319  
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 320  
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 321  
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 322  
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 323  
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 324  
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 325  
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 326  
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 327

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  
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases,  
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the  
discharge of their various duties.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and  
designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court  
of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ county, and the successors to  
that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the  
general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county  
and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of  
this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case  
referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this  
section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the  
drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the  
authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is

not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 392  
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A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 394  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 395  
county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 396  
and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 397  
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 398  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 399  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 400  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 401  
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 402  
involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 403  
judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 404  
referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 405  
jurisdiction over the case. 406

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 407  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 408  
county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge 409  
under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 410  
both of the following apply: 411

(a) One of the following applies: 412

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 413  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 414  
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 415  
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 416  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 417

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 418  
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 419  
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 420  
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 421  
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 422  
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 423

drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 424

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(b) All of the following apply: 426

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 427  
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 428

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 429

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 430

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 431  
drug or alcohol driven. 432

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 433  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 434

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 435

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 436  
approves of the referral. 437

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 438  
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 439  
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 440  
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 441  
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 442  
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 443  
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 444  
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 445  
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 446  
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 447  
the drug court judge. 448

(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas 449  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 450  
2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 451  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 452  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 453

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began  
on January 2, 1969, 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, juvenile division, and  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the  
Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that  
chapter. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment,

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

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

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

(F)(1) In Montgomery county, the judges of the court of  
common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4,  
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  
Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These  
judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases.

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

engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 582  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 583  
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 584  
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 585  
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 586  
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 587  
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 588  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 589  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 590

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 591  
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 592  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 593  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 594  
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 595  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 596  
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 597  
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 598  
Code. 599

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 600  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 601  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 602  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 603  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 604  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 605  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 606  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 607  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 608  
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 609  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 610  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 611  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 612  
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 613

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

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

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

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas  
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January  
1, 1993, 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 Stark  
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under  
Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce,

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

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

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

(I) In Summit county:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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



shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter  
2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which  
the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be  
assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are  
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  
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, 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 Butler county and shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic  
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the  
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior  
in point of service 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 senior in point of service also shall designate the  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence,  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and  
conciliation services that the division makes available to

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

(2) The ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common pleas whose ~~term~~  
~~begins~~ terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, 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 Butler county, shall  
be elected and designated as ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common  
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile ~~judge~~ judges  
as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers  
and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. The judge of the  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point  
of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point  
of service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and  
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases,  
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the  
discharge of the judge's various duties.

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

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

of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions.

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common  
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961,  
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 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 Cuyahoga county and  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the  
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special  
reason.

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

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

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

(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  
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of  
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as

judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division  
of the work of the division and with the employment and  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations  
division.

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins  
on January 4, 1979, 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 Lake county, shall be elected and designated as  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised  
Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter.  
The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall  
be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions  
and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment,  
assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile  
division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating

juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers  
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties.

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

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

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

(O) In Greene county:

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

on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of  
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated  
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support  
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases  
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common  
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 division. The judge also  
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence,  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their  
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing,  
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling  
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary  
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether  
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the  
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from  
the overall court budget and shall be included in the  
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of  
the court of common pleas.

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

judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or  
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in  
Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction  
conferred by that chapter. The judge of the court of common pleas,  
juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling,  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees  
whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the  
judge's various duties.

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

(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  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations  
division.

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

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

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation,



expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 996  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 997  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 998  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 999  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1000  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1001  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1002  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1003  
services. 1004

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1005  
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1006  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1007  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1008  
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1009  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1010  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1011  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1012  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1013  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1014  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1015  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1016  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1017  
division. 1018

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1019  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1020  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1021  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1022  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1023  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1024  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1025  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1026  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1027

services. 1028

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 1029  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 1030  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1031  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1032  
judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 1033  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1034  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1035  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1036  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1037  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1038  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1039  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1040  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1041  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1042  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1043  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1044  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1045  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1046  
of the division. 1047

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1048  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1049  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1050  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1051  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1052  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1053  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1054  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1055  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1056  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1057  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1058  
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1059

conciliation services that the division makes available to 1060  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1061  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1062

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1063  
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1064  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1065  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1066  
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1067  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1068  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1069  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1070  
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1071  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1072  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1073  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1074  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1075  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1076  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1077  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1078  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1079  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1080  
of the division. 1081

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1082  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1083  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1084  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1085  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1086  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1087  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1088  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1089  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1090  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1091

the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1092  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1093  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1094  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1095  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1096

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1097  
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1098  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1099  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1100  
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1101  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1102  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1103  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1104  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1105  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1106  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1107  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1108  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1109  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1110  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1111  
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1112  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1113  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1114

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1115  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1116  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1117  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1118  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1119  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1120  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1121  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1122  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1123

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  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code,  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of  
parental rights and 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 all post-decree  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings,  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has  
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the  
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may  
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in  
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of  
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent,  
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011  
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the  
child to pay child support for that child when the request for  
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution  
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil

action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases.

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

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

request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1188  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1189  
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1190  
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1191  
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1192  
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1193  
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1194  
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1195  
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1196  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1197  
of cases. 1198

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1199  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1200  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1201  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1202  
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1203  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1204  
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1205  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the 1206  
Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of 1207  
the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction 1208  
shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic 1209  
relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1210  
annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases 1211  
related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic 1212  
relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common 1213  
pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic 1214  
relations division and the judges of the general division. 1215

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1217  
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1218  
services board and the county advisory board. 1219

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1220  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1221  
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1222  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1223  
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1224  
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1225  
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1226  
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1227  
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1228  
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1229  
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1230  
court. 1231

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1232  
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1233  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1234  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1235  
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1236  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1237  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1238  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1239  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1240  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1241  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1242  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1243  
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1244  
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1245  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1246  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1247  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1248  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1249

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1250  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1251



personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1252  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1253  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1254  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1255  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1256  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1257  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1258  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1259  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1260  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1261  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1262  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1263  
request the services. 1264

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1265  
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1266  
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1267  
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1268  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1269  
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1270  
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1271  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1272  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1273  
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1274  
the judge's various duties. 1275

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1276  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1277  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1278  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1279  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1280  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1281  
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1282  
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1283

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

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length  
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county,  
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.

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

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, 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 Muskingum county and shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts and shall be assigned all cases under Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

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

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

**Section 3.** That the versions of sections 2151.07 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2151.07.** The juvenile court is a court of record within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code.

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(AA)~~(BB) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in

conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 1378  
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 1379  
provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 1380  
common pleas. 1381

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 1382  
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1383  
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 1384  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1385  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1386  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 1387  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1388  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1389  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1390  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1391  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1392  
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1393  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1394  
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 1395  
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 1396  
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 1397  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 1398

(B) In Hamilton county: 1400

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 1401  
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1402  
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 1403  
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1404  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1405  
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1406

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1407  
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 1408

successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1409  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 1410  
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1411  
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 1412  
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 1413  
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 1414  
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 1415  
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 1416  
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 1417  
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 1418  
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 1419  
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 1420  
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 1421  
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 1422  
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 1423  
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 1424  
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 1425  
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 1426  
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1427  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 1428

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 1429  
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 1430  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1431  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1432  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1433  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1434  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1435  
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 1436  
discharge of their various duties. 1437

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1438  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1439  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1440

personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1441  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1442  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 1443  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 1444  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1445  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1446  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1447  
action pending in the division. 1448

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 1449  
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 1450  
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 1451  
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 1452  
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 1453  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1454  
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 1455  
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 1456  
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 1457  
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 1458  
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 1459  
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 1460

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 1461  
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 1462  
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 1463  
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 1464  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 1465

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1466  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 1467  
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 1468  
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 1469  
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 1470  
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 1471  
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 1472

than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 1473  
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 1474  
in the case involved. 1475

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ 1476  
~~county~~ whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 1477  
designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 1478  
of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ county, and the successors to 1479  
that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1480  
general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 1481  
and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 1482  
this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 1483  
referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 1484  
section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 1485  
drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 1486  
authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1487  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 1488  
not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1489

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A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1491  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 1492  
county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 1493  
and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1494  
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 1495  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1496  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1497  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1498  
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 1499  
involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 1500  
judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 1501  
referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 1502  
jurisdiction over the case. 1503

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1504



of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~  
county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge  
under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that  
both of the following apply:

(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.

(b) All of the following apply:

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in  
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed.

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

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

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

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

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor

approves of the referral. 1534

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 1535  
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 1536  
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 1537  
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 1538  
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 1539  
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 1540  
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 1541  
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 1542  
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 1543  
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 1544  
the drug court judge. 1545

(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1546  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 1547  
2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1548  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1549  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1550  
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 1551  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 1552  
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 1553  
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 1554  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1555  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1556  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 1557  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 1558  
judge of the court of common pleas. 1559

(D) In Lucas county: 1560

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1561  
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 1562  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1563  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1564  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 1565

designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1566  
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1567  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1568

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1569  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1570  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1571  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1572  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1573  
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1574

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1575  
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 1576  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1577  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1578  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 1579  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1580  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1581  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1582  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1583  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1584  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1585  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1586  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1587  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1588  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1589  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 1590  
the discharge of their various duties. 1591

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1592  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1593  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1594  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 1595  
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1596  
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 1597

servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1598  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1599  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1600  
action pending in the division. 1601

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1602  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1603  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1604  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1605  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1606  
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1607

(E) In Mahoning county: 1608

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1609  
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1610  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1611  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1612  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1613  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1614  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1615  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1616  
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1617  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1618  
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1619  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1620  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1621  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1622  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1623  
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1624  
the various duties of the judge's office. 1625

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1626  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1627  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1628  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1629

addition to other statutory duties, include the handling,  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage,  
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an  
action pending in the division.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began  
on January 2, 1969, 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, juvenile division, and  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division,  
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile  
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in  
the discharge of the judge's various duties.

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

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

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of  
common pleas.

(F) In Montgomery county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin  
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 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 Montgomery county and shall be  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas,  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation,  
and annulment cases.

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin  
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, 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 Montgomery county, shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile  
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of,  
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the  
Revised Code.

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

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

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other  
judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall

be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1726  
division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 1727  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1728  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1729  
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1730  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1731  
shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some 1732  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1733  
common pleas. 1734

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1735  
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1736  
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1737  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1738  
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 1739  
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1740  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1741  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1742  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1743  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1744  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1745  
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 1746  
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 1747  
be assigned to the judges. 1748

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 1749  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1750  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1751  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1752  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1753  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1754

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1755  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1756  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 1757



of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the  
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all  
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to,  
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who  
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of  
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other  
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge  
to serve.

(I) In Summit county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin  
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of  
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce,  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases  
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to  
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned  
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody,  
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights  
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those  
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall  
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform  
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the  
Revised Code.

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall

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

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

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

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

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, 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 Butler county and shall be elected  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic  
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the  
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior  
in point of service 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 senior in point of service also shall designate the  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence,  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and  
conciliation services that the division makes available to  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action  
pending in the division, who request the services.

(2) The ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common pleas whose ~~term~~  
~~begins~~ terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, 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 Butler county, shall  
be elected and designated as ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common  
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile ~~judge~~ judges  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is

senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1886  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, 1887  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment, 1888  
assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 1889  
division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1890  
juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 1891  
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1892

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 1894  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1895  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1896  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1897  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1898  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 1899  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1900  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1901  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1902

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1903  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1904  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1905  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1906  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1907  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1908

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 1909  
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 1910  
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 1911  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1912  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1913  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1914  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1915  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1916  
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1917

separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1918  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1919  
reason. 1920

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 1921  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 1922  
the following powers concerning division personnel: 1923

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1924  
supervision; 1925

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1926  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1927

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 1928  
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 1929  
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 1930  
and annulment matters. 1931

(M) In Lake county: 1932

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1933  
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1934  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1935  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1936  
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1937  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1938  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1939  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1940  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1941  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1942  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1943  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1944  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1945  
division. 1946

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1947  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1948

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins  
on January 4, 1979, 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 Lake county, shall be elected and designated as  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and  
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of  
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various  
duties.

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

services. 1981

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1982  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1983  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1984  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1985  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1986  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1987

(N) In Erie county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1988  
whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and successors, shall have 1989  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1990  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1991  
of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected 1992  
and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1993  
domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1994  
to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1995  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1996  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1997  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1998  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1999  
other judge. 2000

(O) In Greene county: 2001

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2002  
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2003  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2004  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2005  
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 2006  
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2007  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2008  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 2009  
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 2010  
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 2011  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2012



pleas. 2013

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2014  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 2015  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 2016  
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 2017  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2018  
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 2019  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2020  
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2021  
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 2022  
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 2023  
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 2024  
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 2025  
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 2026  
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 2027  
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 2028  
the court of common pleas. 2029

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2030  
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2031  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2032  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2033  
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 2034  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 2035  
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 2036  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2037  
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2038  
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 2039  
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2040  
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2041  
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2042  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2043  
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2044

discharge of the judge's various duties. 2045

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2046  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2047  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2048  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2049  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2050  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 2051  
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 2052  
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2053

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2054  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2055  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2056  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 2057  
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 2058  
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 2059

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2060  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2061  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2062  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2063  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 2064  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2065  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2066  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2067  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2068  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2069  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2070  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2071  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2072  
division. 2073

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2074  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2075  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2076

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

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

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

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas,

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

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

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

all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of  
parental rights and 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 all post-decree  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings,  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to  
another 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 the personnel  
of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian,  
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.

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas,  
whose term begins January 1, 1993, 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 Allen county and shall be elected and  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce,

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2173  
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2174  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2175  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2176  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2177  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2178  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2179  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2180  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2181  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2182  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2183  
of the division. 2184

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2185  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2186  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2187  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2188  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2189  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2190  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2191  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2192  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2193  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2194  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2195  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2196  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2197  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2198  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2199

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2200  
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2201  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2202  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2203  
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 2204

as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2205  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2206  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2207  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2208  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2209  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2210  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2211  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2212  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2213  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2214  
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2215  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2216  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2217

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2218  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2219  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2220  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2221  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2222  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2223  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2224  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2225  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2226  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2227  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2228  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2229  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2230  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2231  
request the services. 2232

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2233  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2234  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2235  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2236

judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 2237  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2238  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2239  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2240  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2241  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2242  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2243  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2244  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2245  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2246  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2247  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 2248  
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 2249  
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 2250  
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 2251  
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2252  
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 2253  
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 2254  
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 2255  
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 2256  
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 2257  
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2258  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2259  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 2260  
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2261  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2262  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 2263  
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2264  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2265

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 2266  
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 2267  
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 2268



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

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(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2302  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2303  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2304  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2305  
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 2306  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2307  
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 2308  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2309  
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 2310  
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 2311  
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 2312  
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2313  
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 2314  
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 2315  
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 2316  
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 2317  
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 2318  
division. 2319

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2320  
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 2321  
services board and the county advisory board. 2322

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2323  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 2324  
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 2325  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 2326  
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 2327  
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 2328  
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 2329  
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 2330  
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 2331  
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 2332

with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 2333  
court. 2334

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2335  
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2336  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2337  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2338  
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 2339  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2340  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2341  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2342  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2343  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2344  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2345  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2346  
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 2347  
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 2348  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 2349  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2350  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2351  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2352

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2353  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2354  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2355  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2356  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2357  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2358  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2359  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2360  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2361  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2362  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2363  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2364

that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2365  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2366  
request the services. 2367

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 2368  
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 2369  
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 2370  
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2371  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2372  
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 2373  
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 2374  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2375  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2376  
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 2377  
the judge's various duties. 2378

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2379  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2380  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2381  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2382  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 2383  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2384  
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2385  
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2386  
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2387  
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2388  
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2389  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2390  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2391  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2392  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2393  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2394  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2395  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2396

and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2397  
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 2398  
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 2399  
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 2400  
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 2401  
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 2402  
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 2403  
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 2404  
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2405  
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2406  
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2407  
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2408  
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2409  
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 2410

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2411  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2412  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2413  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 2414  
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2415  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 2416  
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2417  
Marion county. 2418

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 2419  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2420  
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2421  
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 2422  
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2423  
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2424  
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2425  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2426  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2427  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2428

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of  
common pleas of Marion county.

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, 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 Muskingum county and shall  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of  
the powers relating to juvenile courts and shall be assigned all  
cases under Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has  
jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal  
separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter  
3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities  
for the care of children, the designation for the children of a  
place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and all  
post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and  
proceedings, except cases that for some special reason are  
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

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

**Section 4.** That the existing versions of sections 2151.07 and 2460  
2301.03 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect 2461  
January 1, 2002, are hereby repealed. 2462

**Section 5.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect 2463  
January 1, 2002. 2464

**Section 6.** (A) Pursuant to sections 141.04 and 141.05 of the 2465  
Revised Code, the state shall pay its required portion of the 2466  
compensation of the new judge of the Muskingum County Court of 2467  
Common Pleas who is first elected in 2002, and whose term begins 2468  
on January 2, 2003, that is due for services that the judge 2469  
performs from January 2, 2003, through June 30, 2003. 2470

(B) Notwithstanding sections 141.04 and 141.05 of the Revised 2471  
Code, Muskingum County shall reimburse the state for the amount of 2472  
compensation that the state pays pursuant to division (A) of this 2473  
section for the new judge of the Muskingum County Court of Common 2474  
Pleas whose term began on January 2, 2003, for services the judge 2475  
performs from January 2, 2003, through June 30, 2003. 2476

**Section 7.** Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is presented 2477  
in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended 2478  
by both Am. Sub. S.B. 179 and Am. Sub. S.B. 180 of the 123rd 2479  
General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle 2480  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 2481  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2482  
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting 2483  
version of the section in effect on and after January 1, 2002. 2484