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## A BILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to  
begin January 9, 1957; 20  
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In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin,  
Jackson, Knox, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Paulding,  
Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956,  
term to begin January 1, 1957; 22  
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In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway,  
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be  
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 26  
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In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in  
1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 29  
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In Henry and Putnam counties, one judge, to be elected in  
1956, term to begin May 9, 1957; 31  
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In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to  
begin May 14, 1953; 33  
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In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to  
begin July 6, 1956; 35  
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In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,  
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,  
term to begin January 1, 1979; 37  
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(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958,  
term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in  
1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 40  
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In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,  
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; 44  
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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 48  
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begin July 1, 1991;	50
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;	51 52 53
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;	54 55 56 57
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;	58 59 60
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;	61 62 63 64 65
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;	66 67 68
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;	69 70 71
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;	72 73 74 75
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	76 77 78 79

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 80  
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to 81  
begin on January 1, 1971; 82

In Muskingum county, two judges, one to be elected in 1968, 83  
term to begin August 9, 1969, and one to be elected in 1978, term 84  
to begin January 1, 1979; 85

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 86  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 87  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 88  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 89

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 90  
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 91  
term to begin January 1, 1977; 92

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 93  
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 94  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 95  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 96

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 97  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 98  
term to begin January 2, 1987; 99

In Warren county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 100  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 101  
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 102  
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 103

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 104  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 105  
to begin January 1, 1987; 106

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 107  
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 108  
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 109

term to begin January 1, 1991;	110
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected	111
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	112
respectively;	113
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term	114
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term	115
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to	116
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term	117
to begin January 2, 1995.	118
In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	119
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964,	120
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982,	121
term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in	122
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	123
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	124
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	125
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	126
In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990,	127
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994,	128
term to begin January 1, 1995;	129
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term	130
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term	131
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to	132
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978,	133
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively,	134
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6,	135
2001;	136
In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	137
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to	138
begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to	139
begin January 1, 1991;	140

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, 141  
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 142  
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 143  
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 144  
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 145  
1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 146  
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; 147

In Butler county, ~~eight~~ nine judges, one to be elected in 148  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 149  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 150  
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 151  
1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; 152  
two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and 153  
January 2, 1989, respectively; ~~and~~ one to be elected in 1992, term 154  
to begin January 4, 1993; and one to be elected in 2002, term to 155  
begin January 2, 2003; 156

In Richland county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 157  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 158  
term to begin February 9, 1961, and the third to be elected in 159  
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; 160

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 161  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 162  
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 163

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 164  
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 165  
begin January 2, 1969; 166

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 167  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 168  
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 169  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 170  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 171

term to begin January 2, 1977+    and the sixth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;

(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;

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 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; 204

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 205  
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 206  
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 207  
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 208  
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 209  
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 210  
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 211  
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 212  
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 213  
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 214  
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 215

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 216  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 217  
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 218  
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 219  
1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 220  
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 221  
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 222  
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 223  
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 224  
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 225  
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 226  
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 227  
1993; 228

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 229  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 230  
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 231  
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 232  
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 233  
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 234  
1991; 235



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

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

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term,

the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 268  
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 269  
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 270  
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 271  
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 272  
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 273  
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 274  
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 275

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 276  
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 277  
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 278  
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 279  
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 280  
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 281  
probate division. 282

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 283  
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 284  
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 285  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 286  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 287  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 288  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 289  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 290  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 291  
2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under Chapter 292  
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 293  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 294  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. In 295  
addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior in 296  
point of service shall serve on the children services board and 297  
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 298

domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 299  
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(B)(1) In Hamilton county, the judge of the court of common 301  
pleas, whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and 302  
the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins on 303  
February 14, 1967, and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as 304  
provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 305  
jurisdiction conferred by that chapter. 306

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 307  
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 308  
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 309  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 310  
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 311  
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 312  
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 313  
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 314  
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 315  
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 316  
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 317  
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 318  
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 319  
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 320  
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 321  
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 322  
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 323  
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 324  
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 325  
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 326  
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 327  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 328

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 329  
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 330

administrator of the domestic relations division and its 331  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 332  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 333  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 334  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 335  
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 336  
discharge of their various duties. 337

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 338  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 339  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 340  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 341  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 342  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 343  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 344  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 345  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 346  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 347  
action pending in the division. 348

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 349  
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 350  
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 351  
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 352  
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 353  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 354  
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 355  
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 356  
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 357  
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 358  
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 359  
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 360

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 361  
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 362

from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 363  
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 364  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 365

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 366  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 367  
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 368  
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 369  
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 370  
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 371  
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 372  
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 373  
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 374  
in the case involved. 375

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ 376  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 377  
designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 378  
of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ county, and the successors to 379  
that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 380  
general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 381  
and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 382  
this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 383  
referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 384  
section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 385  
drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 386  
authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 387  
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 388  
not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 389  
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A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 391  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 392  
county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 393  
and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 394

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

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 404  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 405  
county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge 406  
under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 407  
both of the following apply: 408

(a) One of the following applies: 409

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 410  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 411  
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 412  
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 413  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 414

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 415  
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 416  
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 417  
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 418  
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 419  
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 420  
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 421

(b) All of the following apply: 422  
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(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 424  
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 425

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	426
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	427
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	428 429
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	430 431
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	432
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	433 434
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	435 436 437 438 439 440 441 442 443 444 445
(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and	446 447 448 449 450 451 452 453 454 455 456

annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for  
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court  
of common pleas.

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(D)(1) In Lucas county, the judges of the court of common  
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.

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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.

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(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

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investigating juvenile cases, including any referees considered 489  
necessary by the judges of the division in the discharge of their 490  
various duties. 491

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 492  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 493  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 494  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 495  
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 496  
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 497  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 498  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 499  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 500  
action pending in the division. 501

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 502  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 503  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 504  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 505  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 506  
the judges of the other of those divisions. 507

(E)(1) In Mahoning county, the judge of the court of common 508  
pleas whose term began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall 509  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 510  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 511  
the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and 512  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 513  
domestic relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, 514  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 515  
coming before the court. In addition to the judge's regular 516  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, division of 517  
domestic relations, shall be the administrator of the domestic 518  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 519  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 520

personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or 521  
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 522  
and annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary 523  
in the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 524

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 525  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 526  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 527  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 528  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 529  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 530  
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 531  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 532  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 533  
action pending in the division. 534

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 535  
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 536  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 537  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 538  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 539  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 540  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the 541  
Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that 542  
chapter. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 543  
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the 544  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 545  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 546  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 547  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 548  
any referees considered necessary by the judge in the discharge of 549  
the judge's various duties. 550

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 551  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 552

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

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(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.

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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

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point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 585  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 586  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 587

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 588  
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 589  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 590  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 591  
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 592  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 593  
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 594  
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 595  
Code. 596

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 597  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 598  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 599  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 600  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 601  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 602  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 603  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 604  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 605  
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 606  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 607  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 608  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 609  
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 610  
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 611  
division. 612

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 613  
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 614  
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 615  
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 616

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 649  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 650  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 651  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 652

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 653  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 654  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2151.18 655  
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 656  
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 657  
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 658  
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 659  
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 660  
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 661  
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 662  
to serve. 663

(I) In Summit county: 664

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 665  
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 666  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 667  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 668  
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 669  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 670  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 671  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 672  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 673  
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 674  
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 675  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 676  
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 677  
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 678  
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 679  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 680

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,

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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.

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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  
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(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

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assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are  
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(K) In Butler county:

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(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  
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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.

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(2) The ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common pleas whose ~~term~~  
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successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as

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other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall 777  
be elected and designated as ~~judge judges~~ of the court of common 778  
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile ~~judge judges~~ 779  
as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers 780  
and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. The judge of the 781  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point 782  
of service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 783  
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point 784  
of service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 785  
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 786  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 787  
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 788  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 789

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 790  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 791  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 792  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 793  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 794  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 795  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 796  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 797  
pending in the division, who request the services. 798

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 799  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 800  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 801  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 802  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 803  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 804

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 805  
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 806  
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 807  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 808

powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 809  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 810  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 811  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 812  
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 813  
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 814  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 815  
reason. 816

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 817  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 818  
the following powers concerning division personnel: 819

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 820  
supervision; 821

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 822  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 823

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 824  
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 825  
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 826  
and annulment matters. 827

(M) In Lake county: 828

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 829  
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 830  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 831  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 832  
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 833  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 834  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 835  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 836  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 837  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 838  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 839

of the work of the division and with the employment and 840  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 841  
division. 842

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 843  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 844  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 845  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 846  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 847  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 848  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 849  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 850  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 851  
services. 852

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 853  
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 854  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 855  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 856  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 857  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 858  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised 859  
Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by that chapter. 860  
The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, shall 861  
be the administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions 862  
and departments. The judge shall have charge of the employment, 863  
assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 864  
division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 865  
juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 866  
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 867

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 868  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 869  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 870  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 871

the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 872  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 873  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 874  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 875  
services. 876

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 877  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 878  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 879  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 880  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 881  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 882

(N) In Erie county, the judge of the court of common pleas 883  
whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and successors, shall have 884  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 885  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 886  
of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected 887  
and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 888  
domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating 889  
to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapter 890  
2151. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the 891  
juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of 892  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases that 893  
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge. 894

(O) In Greene county: 895

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 896  
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 897  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 898  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 899  
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 900  
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 901  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 902  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 903

enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 904  
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 905  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 906  
pleas. 907

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 908  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 909  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 910  
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 911  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 912  
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 913  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 914  
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 915  
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 916  
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 917  
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 918  
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 919  
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 920  
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 921  
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 922  
the court of common pleas. 923

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 924  
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 925  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 926  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 927  
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 928  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 929  
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 930  
Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction 931  
conferred by that chapter. The judge of the court of common pleas, 932  
juvenile division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile 933  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 934  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 935

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 936  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any referees 937  
whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the 938  
judge's various duties. 939

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

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 948  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 949  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 950  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 951  
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 952  
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 953

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 954  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 955  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 956  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 957  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 958  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 959  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 960  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 961  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 962  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 963  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 964  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 965  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 966  
division. 967

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 968  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 969  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 970  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 971  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 972  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 973  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 974  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 975  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 976  
services. 977

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 978  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 979  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 980  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 981  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 982  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 983  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 984  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 985  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 986  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 987  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 988  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 989  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 990  
division. 991

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 992  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 993  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 994  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 995  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 996  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 997  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 998  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 999



are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1000  
services. 1001

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1002  
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1003  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1004  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1005  
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1006  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1007  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1008  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1009  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1010  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1011  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1012  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1013  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1014  
division. 1015

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1016  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1017  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1018  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1019  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1020  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1021  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1022  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1023  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1024  
services. 1025

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 1026  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 1027  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1028  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1029  
judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 1030  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1031

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1032  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1033  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1034  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1035  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1036  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1037  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1038  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1039  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1040  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1041  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1042  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1043  
of the division. 1044

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1045  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1046  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1047  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1048  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1049  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1050  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1051  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1052  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1053  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1054  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1055  
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1056  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1057  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1058  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1059

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1060  
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1061  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1062  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1063

of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1064  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1065  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1066  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1067  
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1068  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1069  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1070  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1071  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1072  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1073  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1074  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1075  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1076  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1077  
of the division. 1078

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1079  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1080  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1081  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1082  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1083  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1084  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1085  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1086  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1087  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1088  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1089  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1090  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1091  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1092  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1093

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1094  
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1095

same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1096  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1097  
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1098  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1099  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1100  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1101  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1102  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1103  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1104  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1105  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1106  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1107  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1108  
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1109  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1110  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1111

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1112  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1113  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1114  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1115  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1116  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1117  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1118  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1119  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1120  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1121  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1122  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1123  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1124  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1125  
request the services. 1126

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1127

pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1128  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1129  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1130  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1131  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1132  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1133  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1134  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1135  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1136  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1137  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1138  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1139  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1140  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1141  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1142  
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1143  
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1144  
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1145  
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1146  
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1147  
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1148  
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1149  
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1150  
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1151  
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1152  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1153  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1154  
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1155  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1156  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1157  
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1158  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1159

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1160  
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1161  
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1162  
division. 1163

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1164  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1165  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1166  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1167  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1168  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1169  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1170  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1171  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1172  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1173  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1174  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1175  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1176  
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1177  
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1178  
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1179  
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1180  
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1181  
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1182  
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1183  
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1184  
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1185  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1186  
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1187  
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1188  
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1189  
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1190  
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1191

that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1192  
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1193  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1194  
of cases. 1195

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1196  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1197  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1198  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1199  
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1200  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1201  
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1202  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the 1203  
Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of 1204  
the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction 1205  
shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic 1206  
relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1207  
annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases 1208  
related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic 1209  
relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common 1210  
pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic 1211  
relations division and the judges of the general division. 1212

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1214  
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1215  
services board and the county advisory board. 1216

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1217  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1218  
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1219  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1220  
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1221  
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1222  
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1223

division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1224  
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1225  
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1226  
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1227  
court. 1228

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1229  
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1230  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1231  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1232  
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1233  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1234  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1235  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1236  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1237  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1238  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1239  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1240  
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1241  
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1242  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1243  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1244  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1245  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1246

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1247  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1248  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1249  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1250  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1251  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1252  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1253  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1254  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1255



for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1256  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1257  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1258  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1259  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1260  
request the services. 1261

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1262  
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1263  
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1264  
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1265  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1266  
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1267  
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1268  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1269  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1270  
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1271  
the judge's various duties. 1272

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1273  
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1274  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1275  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1276  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1277  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1278  
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1279  
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1280  
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1281  
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised 1282  
Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1283  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1284  
annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the 1285  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1286  
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1287

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 1320  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1321  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1322  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1323  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1324  
common pleas of Marion county. 1325

(AA) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1326  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1327  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1328  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1329  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 1330  
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 1331  
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 1332  
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 1333  
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1334

**Section 2.** That existing sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the 1335  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1336

**Section 3.** That the version of section 2301.03 of the Revised 1337  
Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, be amended 1338  
to read as follows: 1339

**Sec. 2301.03.** (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 1340  
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1341  
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 1342  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1343  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1344  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 1345  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1346  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1347  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1348  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1349

under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1350  
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1351  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1352  
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 1353  
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 1354  
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 1355  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 1356

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(B) In Hamilton county: 1358

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 1359  
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1360  
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 1361  
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1362  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1363  
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1364

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1365  
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 1366  
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1367  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 1368  
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1369  
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 1370  
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 1371  
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 1372  
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 1373  
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 1374  
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 1375  
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 1376  
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 1377  
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 1378  
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 1379  
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 1380  
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 1381

first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 1382  
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 1383  
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 1384  
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1385  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 1386

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 1387  
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 1388  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1389  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1390  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1391  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1392  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1393  
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 1394  
discharge of their various duties. 1395

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1396  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1397  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1398  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1399  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1400  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 1401  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 1402  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1403  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1404  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1405  
action pending in the division. 1406

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 1407  
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 1408  
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 1409  
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 1410  
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 1411  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1412  
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 1413

all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 1414  
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 1415  
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 1416  
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 1417  
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 1418

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 1419  
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 1420  
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 1421  
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 1422  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 1423

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1424  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 1425  
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 1426  
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 1427  
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 1428  
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 1429  
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 1430  
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 1431  
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 1432  
in the case involved. 1433

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ 1434  
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 1435  
designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 1436  
of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ county, and the successors to 1437  
that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1438  
general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 1439  
and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 1440  
this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 1441  
referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 1442  
section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 1443  
drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 1444  
authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1445

dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 1446  
not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1447  
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A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1449  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 1450  
county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 1451  
and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1452  
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 1453  
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1454  
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1455  
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1456  
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 1457  
involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 1458  
judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 1459  
referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 1460  
jurisdiction over the case. 1461

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1462  
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 1463  
county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge 1464  
under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that 1465  
both of the following apply: 1466

(a) One of the following applies: 1467

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1468  
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 1469  
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1470  
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1471  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 1472

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 1473  
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 1474  
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 1475  
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 1476  
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 1477

defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 1478  
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 1479  
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(b) All of the following apply: 1481

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 1482  
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 1483

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 1484

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 1485

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 1486  
drug or alcohol driven. 1487

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 1488  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 1489

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 1490

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 1491  
approves of the referral. 1492

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 1493  
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 1494  
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 1495  
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 1496  
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 1497  
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 1498  
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 1499  
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 1500  
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 1501  
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 1502  
the drug court judge. 1503

(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1504  
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 1505  
2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1506  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1507



compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1508  
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 1509  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 1510  
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 1511  
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 1512  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1513  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1514  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 1515  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 1516  
judge of the court of common pleas. 1517

(D) In Lucas county: 1518

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1519  
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 1520  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1521  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1522  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 1523  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1524  
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1525  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1526

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1527  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1528  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1529  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1530  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1531  
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1532

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1533  
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 1534  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1535  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1536  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 1537  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1538  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1539

2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1540  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1541  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1542  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1543  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1544  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1545  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1546  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1547  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 1548  
the discharge of their various duties. 1549

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1550  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1551  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1552  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 1553  
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1554  
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 1555  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1556  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1557  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1558  
action pending in the division. 1559

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1560  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1561  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1562  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1563  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1564  
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1565

(E) In Mahoning county: 1566

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1567  
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1568  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1569  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1570  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1571

as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1572  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1573  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1574  
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1575  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1576  
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1577  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1578  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1579  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1580  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1581  
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1582  
the various duties of the judge's office. 1583

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1584  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1585  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1586  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1587  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1588  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1589  
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 1590  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1591  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1592  
action pending in the division. 1593

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1594  
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1595  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1596  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1597  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1598  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1599  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1600  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1601  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1602  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1603

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 1667  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1668  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1669  
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1670  
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1671  
division. 1672

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1673  
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1674  
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1675  
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1676  
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1677  
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1678

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common 1679  
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall 1680  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1681  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1682  
judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall 1683  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1684  
division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 1685  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1686  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1687  
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1688  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1689  
shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some 1690  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1691  
common pleas. 1692

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1693  
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1694  
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1695  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1696  
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 1697  
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1698

of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1699  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1700  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1701  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1702  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1703  
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 1704  
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 1705  
be assigned to the judges. 1706

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 1707  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1708  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1709  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1710  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1711  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1712

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1713  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1714  
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 1715  
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 1716  
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1717  
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 1718  
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 1719  
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 1720  
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 1721  
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 1722  
to serve. 1723

(I) In Summit county: 1724

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1725  
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 1726  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1727  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1728  
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 1729  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1730

domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1731  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 1732  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1733  
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 1734  
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 1735  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 1736  
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 1737  
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 1738  
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 1739  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1740  
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 1741  
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 1742  
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 1743  
Revised Code. 1744

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1745  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1746  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1747  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1748  
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 1749  
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1750  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 1751  
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1752  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1753  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1754  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1755  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1756  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1757  
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 1758  
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1759  
action pending in the division. 1760

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1761  
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1762



qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1763  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1764  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 1765  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1766  
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 1767  
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 1768  
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 1769  
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 1770  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1771  
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 1772  
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 1773  
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 1774  
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1775  
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1776  
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1777  
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1778  
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1779

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1780  
division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 1781  
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1782  
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1783  
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1784  
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 1785  
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 1786  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1787  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1788  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1789  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1790  
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1791  
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1792  
division. 1793

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1794

pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1795  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1796  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1797  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 1798  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1799  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1800  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1801  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1802  
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1803  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1804  
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1805  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1806  
pleas. 1807

(K) In Butler county: 1808

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1809  
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 1810  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1811  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1812  
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 1813  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1814  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1815  
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 1816  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1817  
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 1818  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 1819  
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1820  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1821  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1822  
division. 1823

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 1824  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1825  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1826

duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1827  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1828  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1829  
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 1830  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1831  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1832  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1833

(2) The ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common pleas whose ~~term~~ 1834  
~~begins~~ terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and 1835  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1836  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1837  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall 1838  
be elected and designated as ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common 1839  
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile ~~judge~~ judges 1840  
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with 1841  
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The 1842  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1843  
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1844  
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, 1845  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment, 1846  
assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 1847  
division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1848  
juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 1849  
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1850

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 1852  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1853  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1854  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1855  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1856  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 1857  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1858

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1859  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1860

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1861  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1862  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1863  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1864  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1865  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1866

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 1867  
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 1868  
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 1869  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1870  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1871  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1872  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1873  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1874  
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1875  
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1876  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1877  
reason. 1878

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 1879  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 1880  
the following powers concerning division personnel: 1881

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1882  
supervision; 1883

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1884  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1885

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 1886  
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 1887  
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 1888  
and annulment matters. 1889

(M) In Lake county: 1890

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1891  
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1892  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1893  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1894  
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1895  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1896  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1897  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1898  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1899  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1900  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1901  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1902  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1903  
division. 1904

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1905  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1906  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1907  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1908  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1909  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1910  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1911  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1912  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1913  
services. 1914

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1915  
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1916  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1917  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1918  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1919  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1920  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1921

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.

(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 Chapters

2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1954  
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1955  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1956  
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1957  
other judge. 1958

(O) In Greene county: 1959

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1960  
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1961  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1962  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1963  
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 1964  
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1965  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1966  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 1967  
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 1968  
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1969  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1970  
pleas. 1971

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1972  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1973  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1974  
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1975  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1976  
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1977  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1978  
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1979  
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1980  
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1981  
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1982  
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1983  
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1984  
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1985

appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of the court of common pleas. 1986  
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(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction 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. 1988  
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(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the general division shall be performed by the judge of the division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 2012  
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(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2018  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2019  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2020  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2021  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 2022  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2023  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2024  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2025  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2026  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2027  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2028  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2029  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2030  
division. 2031

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2032  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2033  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2034  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2035  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2036  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2037  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2038  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2039  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2040  
services. 2041

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2042  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2043  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2044  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2045  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2046  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2047  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2048  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2049

cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and  
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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation,  
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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  
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(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  
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of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2083  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2084  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2085  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2086  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2087  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2088  
services. 2089

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 2090  
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 2091  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2092  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2093  
judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 2094  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2095  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2096  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2097  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2098  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2099  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2100  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2101  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2102  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2103  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2104  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2105  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2106  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2107  
of the division. 2108

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2109  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2110  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2111  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2112  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2113

handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2114  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2115  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2116  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2117  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2118  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2119  
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 2120  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2121  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2122  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2123

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2124  
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 2125  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2126  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2127  
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 2128  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2129  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2130  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2131  
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2132  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2133  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2134  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2135  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2136  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2137  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2138  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2139  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2140  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2141  
of the division. 2142

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2143  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2144  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2145

personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2146  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2147  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2148  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2149  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2150  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2151  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2152  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2153  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2154  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2155  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2156  
pending in the division, who request the services. 2157

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2158  
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2159  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2160  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2161  
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 2162  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2163  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2164  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2165  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2166  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2167  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2168  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2169  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2170  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2171  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2172  
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2173  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2174  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2175

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2176  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2177

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2178  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2179  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2180  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2181  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2182  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2183  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2184  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2185  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2186  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2187  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2188  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2189  
request the services. 2190

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2191  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2192  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2193  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2194  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 2195  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2196  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2197  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2198  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2199  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2200  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2201  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2202  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2203  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2204  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2205  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 2206  
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 2207  
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 2208  
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 2209

section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2210  
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 2211  
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 2212  
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 2213  
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 2214  
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 2215  
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2216  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2217  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 2218  
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2219  
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2220  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 2221  
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2222  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2223

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 2224  
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 2225  
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 2226  
division. 2227

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2228  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2229  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2230  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2231  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2232  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2233  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2234  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2235  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2236  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2237  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2238  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2239  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2240  
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 2241

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

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



domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 2274  
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 2275  
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 2276  
division. 2277

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2278  
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 2279  
services board and the county advisory board. 2280

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2281  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 2282  
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 2283  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 2284  
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 2285  
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 2286  
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 2287  
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 2288  
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 2289  
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 2290  
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 2291  
court. 2292

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2293  
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2294  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2295  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2296  
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 2297  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2298  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2299  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2300  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2301  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2302  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2303  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2304  
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 2305

matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 2306  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 2307  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2308  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2309  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2310

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2311  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2312  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2313  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2314  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2315  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2316  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2317  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2318  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2319  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2320  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2321  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2322  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2323  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2324  
request the services. 2325

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 2326  
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 2327  
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 2328  
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2329  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2330  
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 2331  
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 2332  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2333  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2334  
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 2335  
the judge's various duties. 2336

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2337

pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2338  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2339  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2340  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 2341  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2342  
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2343  
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2344  
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2345  
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2346  
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2347  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2348  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2349  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2350  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2351  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2352  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2353  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2354  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2355  
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 2356  
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 2357  
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 2358  
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 2359  
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 2360  
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 2361  
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 2362  
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2363  
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2364  
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2365  
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2366  
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2367  
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 2368

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2369

division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2370  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2371  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 2372  
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2373  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 2374  
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2375  
Marion county. 2376

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 2377  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2378  
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2379  
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 2380  
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2381  
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2382  
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2383  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2384  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2385  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2386  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2387  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2388  
common pleas of Marion county. 2389

(AA) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2390  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2391  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2392  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2393  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2394  
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2395  
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2396  
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2397  
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2398

**Section 4.** That the existing version of section 2301.03 of 2399  
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2002, 2400

is hereby repealed. 2401

**Section 5.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect 2402  
January 1, 2002. 2403

**Section 6.** Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is presented 2404  
in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended 2405  
by both Am. Sub. S.B. 179 and Am. Sub. S.B. 180 of the 123rd 2406  
General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle 2407  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 2408  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2409  
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting 2410  
version of the section in effect on and after January 1, 2002. 2411