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A B I L L

To amend sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised 1
Code to add one additional judge for the Juvenile 2
Division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas 3
to be elected in 2002 and one additional judge to 4
the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas as judge 5
of the Domestic Relations Division to be elected in 6
2002 and to maintain the provisions of this act on 7
and after January 1, 2002, by amending the versions 8
of sections 2151.07 and 2301.03 of the Revised Code 9
that take effect on that date. 10
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2301.02 and 2301.03 of the Revised 12
Code be amended to read as follows: 13

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 14
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 15
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 16
shall be as follows: 17

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

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elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957;	19
In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955;	20 21 22
In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 9, 1957;	23 24
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;	25 26 27 28
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;	29 30 31
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	32 33
In Henry and Putnam counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	34 35
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;	36 37
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	38 39
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;	40 41 42
(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;	43 44 45 46
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	47

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term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to	48
begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to	49
begin January 2, 1979;	50
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term	51
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to	52
begin July 1, 1991;	53
In Erie county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	54
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1970,	55
term to begin January 2, 1971;	56
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	57
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970,	58
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in	59
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	60
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	61
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976,	62
term to begin January 6, 1977;	63
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	64
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	65
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978,	66
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in	67
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	68
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	69
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	70
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	71
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	72
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	73
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	74
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	75
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	76
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	77

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

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In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	108
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term	109
to begin January 1, 1987;	110
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term	111
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term	112
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990,	113
term to begin January 1, 1991;	114
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected	115
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	116
respectively;	117
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term	118
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term	119
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to	120
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term	121
to begin January 2, 1995.	122
In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	123
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964,	124
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982,	125
term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in	126
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	127
In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	128
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	129
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	130
In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990,	131
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994,	132
term to begin January 1, 1995;	133
In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term	134
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term	135
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to	136
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978,	137
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively,	138

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and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6,
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In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to
begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to
begin January 1, 1991; 141
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In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952,
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively,
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5,
1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; 145
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In Butler county, ~~eight~~ nine judges, one to be elected in
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954,
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2,
1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987;
two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and
January 2, 1989, respectively; ~~and~~ one to be elected in 1992, term
to begin January 4, 1993; and one to be elected in 2002, term to
begin January 2, 2003; 152
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In Richland county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,
term to begin February 9, 1961, and the third to be elected in
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; 161
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In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 165
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In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 168
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begin January 2, 1969;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953,
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3,
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.

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

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 280
 are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 281
 pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 282
 except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 283
 Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 284
 elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 285
 probate division. 286

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

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

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(B)(1) In Hamilton county, the judge of the court of common 305
pleas, whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and 306
the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins on 307
February 14, 1967, and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as 308
provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 309
jurisdiction conferred by that chapter. 310

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

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is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 329
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 330
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 331
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 332

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 393

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

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

(a) One of the following applies: 413

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 414
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 415
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 416
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 417
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 418

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 419
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 420
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 421
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 422
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 423
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 424

drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	425
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(b) All of the following apply:	427
(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed.	428
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(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	430
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	431
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	432
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(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	434
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(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	436
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	437
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(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	439
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(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of	450
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Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all
cases under Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code, all parentage
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court
of common pleas.

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

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

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

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

(E)(1) In Mahoning county, the judge of the court of common
pleas whose term began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of
the court of common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of
domestic relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce,

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

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

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

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

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 555
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 556
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 557
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 558
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 559
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 560
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 561
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 562
action pending in the division. 563

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

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

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

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

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

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 601
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 602
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 603
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 604
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 605
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 606
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 607
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 608
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 609
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 610
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 611
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 612
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 613
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 614

whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the
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If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions.

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(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
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(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,

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

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

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

(I) In Summit county: 668

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

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

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

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

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

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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
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons,
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the
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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

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

(K) In Butler county:

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

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

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 775
pending in the division, who request the services. 776

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

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

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 803
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 804
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 805
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 806

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

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

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county:

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

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judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 838
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 839
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 840
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 841
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 842
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 843
of the work of the division and with the employment and 844
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 845
division. 846

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

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

juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 870
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 871

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

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

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

(O) In Greene county: 899

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

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 928
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 929
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 930
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 931
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 932

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

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

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

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

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 965
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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services. 972
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(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 982
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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 996

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

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

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

services. 1029

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

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

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conciliation services that the division makes available to 1061
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1062
pending in the division, who request the services. 1063

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

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

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the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1093
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1094
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1095
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1096
pending in the division, who request the services. 1097

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1217
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1218
services board and the county advisory board. 1219
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(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1221
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1222
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1223
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1224
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1225
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1226
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1227
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1228
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1229
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1230
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1231
court. 1232

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 1379
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 1380
provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 1381
common pleas. 1382

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 1383
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1384
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 1385
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1386
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1387
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 1388
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1389
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1390
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1391
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1392
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1393
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1394
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1395
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 1396
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 1397
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 1398
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 1399

(B) In Hamilton county: 1400

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

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

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

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

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

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personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1442
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1443
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 1444
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 1445
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1446
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1447
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1448
action pending in the division. 1449

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 1450
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 1451
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 1452
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 1453
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 1454
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1455
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 1456
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 1457
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 1458
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 1459
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 1460
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 1461

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 1462
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 1463
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 1464
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 1465
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 1466

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1467
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 1468
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 1469
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 1470
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 1471
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 1472
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 1473

than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 1474
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 1475
in the case involved. 1476

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ 1477
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, shall be elected and 1478
designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the court 1479
of common pleas of Hamilton ~~County~~ county, and the successors to 1480
that judge shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1481
general division of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 1482
and shall not have the authority granted by division (B)(3) of 1483
this section. The drug court judge may accept or reject any case 1484
referred to the drug court judge under division (B)(3) of this 1485
section. After the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the 1486
drug court judge has full authority over the case, including the 1487
authority to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1488
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment is 1489
not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1490

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1492
of Hamilton ~~County~~ county and a judge of the Hamilton ~~County~~ 1493
county municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, 1494
and any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1495
described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 1496
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1497
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1498
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1499
described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 1500
involves a violation of a term of probation to the drug court 1501
judge, and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the 1502
referring judge and the drug court judge have concurrent 1503
jurisdiction over the case. 1504

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1505

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of Hamilton County <u>county</u> and a judge of the Hamilton County	1506
<u>county</u> municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge	1507
under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that	1508
both of the following apply:	1509
(a) One of the following applies:	1510
(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in	1511
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third	1512
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1,	1513
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the	1514
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.	1515
(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section	1516
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or	1517
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a	1518
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is	1519
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the	1520
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming	1521
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	1522
	1523
(b) All of the following apply:	1524
(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in	1525
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed.	1526
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	1527
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	1528
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is	1529
drug or alcohol driven.	1530
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to	1531
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	1532
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	1533
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor	1534

approves of the referral. 1535

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 1536
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 1537
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 1538
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 1539
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 1540
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 1541
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 1542
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 1543
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 1544
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 1545
the drug court judge. 1546

(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1547
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 1548
2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1549
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1550
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1551
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 1552
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 1553
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 1554
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 1555
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1556
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1557
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 1558
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 1559
judge of the court of common pleas. 1560

(D) In Lucas county: 1561

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1562
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 1563
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1564
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1565
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 1566

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designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1567
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1568
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1569

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1570
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1571
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1572
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1573
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1574
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1575

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1576
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 1577
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1578
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1579
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 1580
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1581
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1582
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1583
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1584
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1585
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1586
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1587
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1588
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1589
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1590
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 1591
the discharge of their various duties. 1592

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1593
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1594
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1595
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 1596
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1597
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 1598

servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1599
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1600
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1601
action pending in the division. 1602

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1603
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1604
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1605
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1606
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1607
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1608

(E) In Mahoning county: 1609

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1610
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1611
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1612
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1613
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1614
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1615
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1616
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1617
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1618
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1619
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1620
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1621
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1622
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1623
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1624
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1625
the various duties of the judge's office. 1626

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1627
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1628
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1629
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1630

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

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

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

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

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1663
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1664
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1665
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 1666
common pleas. 1667

(F) In Montgomery county: 1668

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1669
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 1670
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1671
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1672
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1673
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1674
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1675
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1676
and annulment cases. 1677

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1678
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 1679
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 1680
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 1681
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1682
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1683
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 1684
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 1685
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 1686
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1687
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 1688
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1689
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 1690

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1691
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1692
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1693
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1694

the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of,
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the
Revised Code.

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

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

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

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be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1727
division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 1728
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1729
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1730
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1731
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1732
shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some 1733
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1734
common pleas. 1735

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1736
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1737
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1738
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1739
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 1740
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1741
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1742
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1743
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1744
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1745
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1746
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 1747
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 1748
be assigned to the judges. 1749

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 1750
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1751
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1752
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1753
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1754
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1755

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1756
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1757
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 1758

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

(I) In Summit county:

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

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

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

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

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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 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division.

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

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and

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jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and
division of the work of the division and with the employment and
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations
division.

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

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

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senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1887
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge, 1888
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment, 1889
assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile 1890
division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1891
juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers 1892
necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1893

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 1895
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1896
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1897
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1898
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1899
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 1900
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1901
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1902
pending in the division, who request the services. 1903

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1904
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1905
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1906
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1907
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1908
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1909

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 1910
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 1911
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 1912
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1913
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1914
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1915
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1916
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1917
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1918

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

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county:

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

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

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

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

services. 1982

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1983
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1984
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1985
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1986
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1987
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1988

(N) In Erie county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1989
whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and successors, shall have 1990
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1991
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1992
of the court of common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected 1993
and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1994
domestic relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1995
to juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1996
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1997
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1998
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1999
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 2000
other judge. 2001

(O) In Greene county: 2002

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2003
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2004
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2005
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2006
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 2007
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2008
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2009
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 2010
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 2011
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 2012
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2013

pleas.

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

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

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The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2047
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personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2049
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2050
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2051
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 2052
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 2053
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2054

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2055
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2056
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2057
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 2058
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 2059
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 2060

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2061
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2062
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2063
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2064
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 2065
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2066
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2067
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2068
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2069
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2070
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2071
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2072
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2073
division. 2074

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2075
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personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2077

of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2078
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2079
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2080
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2081
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2082
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2083
services. 2084

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2085
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2086
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2087
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2088
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2089
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2090
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2091
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2092
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2093
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2094
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2095
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2096
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2097
division. 2098

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2099
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2100
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2101
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2102
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2103
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2104
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2105
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2106
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2107
services. 2108

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2109

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

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

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

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

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

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas,
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction,
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce,

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dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2174
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2175
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2176
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2177
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2178
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2179
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2180
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2181
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2182
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2183
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2184
of the division. 2185

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2186
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2187
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2188
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2189
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2190
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2191
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2192
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2193
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2194
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2195
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2196
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2197
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2198
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2199
pending in the division, who request the services. 2200

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2201
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2202
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2203
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2204
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 2205

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as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2206
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2207
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2208
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2209
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2210
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2211
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2212
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2213
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2214
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2215
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2216
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2217
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2218

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2219
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2220
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2221
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2222
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2223
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2224
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2225
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2226
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2227
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2228
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2229
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2230
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2231
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2232
request the services. 2233

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2234
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2235
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2236
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2237

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judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 2238
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2239
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2240
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2241
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2242
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2243
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2244
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2245
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2246
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2247
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2248
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 2249
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 2250
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 2251
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 2252
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2253
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 2254
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 2255
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 2256
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 2257
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 2258
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2259
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2260
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 2261
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2262
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2263
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 2264
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2265
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2266

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 2267
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 2268
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 2269

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division. 2270

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2271
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2272
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2273
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2274
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2275
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2276
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2277
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2278
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2279
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2280
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2281
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2282
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2283
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 2284
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 2285
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 2286
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2287
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 2288
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2289
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 2290
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 2291
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2292
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 2293
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 2294
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 2295
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 2296
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 2297
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 2298
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 2299
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 2300
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 2301

of cases. 2302

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2303
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2304
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2305
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2306
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 2307
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2308
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 2309
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2310
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 2311
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 2312
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 2313
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2314
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 2315
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 2316
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 2317
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 2318
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 2319
division. 2320

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2321
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 2322
services board and the county advisory board. 2323

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2324
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 2325
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 2326
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 2327
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 2328
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 2329
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 2330
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 2331
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 2332
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 2333

with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that court. 2334
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(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2336
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The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2354
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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.

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

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to
that judge, 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 Marion county and
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge

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and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2398
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 2399
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 2400
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 2401
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 2402
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 2403
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 2404
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 2405
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2406
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2407
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2408
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2409
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2410
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 2411

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2412
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2413
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2414
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 2415
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2416
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 2417
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2418
Marion county. 2419

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 2420
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2421
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2422
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 2423
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2424
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2425
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2426
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2427
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2428
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2429

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2430
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2431
common pleas of Marion county. 2432

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2433
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 2434
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2435
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2436
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 2437
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2438
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of 2439
the powers relating to juvenile courts and shall be assigned all 2440
cases under Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all 2441
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 2442
jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2443
separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 2444
3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child 2445
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2446
for the care of children, the designation for the children of a 2447
place of residence and legal custodian, and visitation, and all 2448
post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 2449
proceedings, except cases that for some special reason are 2450
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. 2451

(BB) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2452
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2453
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2454
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2455
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2456
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2457
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2458
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2459
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2460

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Section 4. That the existing versions of sections 2151.07 and 2461
2301.03 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect 2462
January 1, 2002, are hereby repealed. 2463

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect 2464
January 1, 2002. 2465

Section 6. (A) Pursuant to sections 141.04 and 141.05 of the 2466
Revised Code, the state shall pay its required portion of the 2467
compensation of the new judge of the Muskingum County Court of 2468
Common Pleas who is first elected in 2002, and whose term begins 2469
on January 2, 2003, that is due for services that the judge 2470
performs from January 2, 2003, through June 30, 2003. 2471

(B) Notwithstanding sections 141.04 and 141.05 of the Revised 2472
Code, Muskingum County shall reimburse the state for the amount of 2473
compensation that the state pays pursuant to division (A) of this 2474
section for the new judge of the Muskingum County Court of Common 2475
Pleas whose term began on January 2, 2003, for services the judge 2476
performs from January 2, 2003, through June 30, 2003. 2477

Section 7. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is presented 2478
in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended 2479
by both Am. Sub. S.B. 179 and Am. Sub. S.B. 180 of the 123rd 2480
General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle 2481
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 2482
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2483
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting 2484
version of the section in effect on and after January 1, 2002. 2485