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# A BILL

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

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

	Section 1.	That section	s 2301.02 ar	nd 2301.03 o	f the Revised	12
Code	be amended	to read as f	ollows:			13
	Sec. 2301.0	02. The numbe	r of judges	of the cour	t of common	14

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

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

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

48 term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to 49 begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to 50 begin January 2, 1979;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, 139
2001; 140
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In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 141 term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 142 begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 143 begin January 1, 1991; 144

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

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

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

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

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

begin January 2, 1969;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 311 on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 312 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.

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

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

(a) One of the following applies:

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 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

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(b) All of the following apply:

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 428 which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 429

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

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 431

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 432 drug or alcohol driven. 433

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 434 participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 435

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 437 approves of the referral. 438

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 439 of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 440 before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 441 caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 442 accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 443 Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 444 the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 445 administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 446 administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 447 before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 448 the drug court judge. 449

450 (C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 451 2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 452 exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 453 compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 454

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

(D)(1) In Lucas county, the judges of the court of common 464 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, 465 and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 466 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 467 other judges of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and 468 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 469 pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 470 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned 471 to them. 472

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 555 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 556 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 557 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 558 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 559 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 560 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 561 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 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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583 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 584 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 585 including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 586 be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 587 section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 588 Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 589 point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 590 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 591 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties.

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

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

615 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 616 division.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(I) In Summit county:

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

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins
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on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
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receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of
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common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as
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judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall
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711 be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 712 provided in Chapter 2151. of the Revised Code. Except in cases 713 that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 714 juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall not have 715 jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 716 case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, child support, 717 or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the 718 care of children or any post-decree proceeding arising from any 719 case pertaining to any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile 720 division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 721 shall not be assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate 722 family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.

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

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 738 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 739 and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 740 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 741 other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 742

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

(K) In Butler county:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(M) In Lake county:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(O) In Greene county:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 996

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

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

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

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services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1125 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1126 visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1127 that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1128 persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1129 request the services. 1130

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. That the versions of sections 2151.07 and 2301.03 1360 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 1361 2002, be amended to read as follows: 1362

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record within 1363 the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall 1364 exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. 1365 and 2152. of the Revised Code. 1366

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, is 1367 absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 1368 volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the request 1369 of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding judge of the 1370 court of common pleas pursuant to division (AA)(BB) of section 1371 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge of any division 1372 of the court of common pleas of the county to act in the juvenile 1373 judge's place or in conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no 1374 judge of the court of common pleas is available for that purpose, 1375 the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge of the 1376 court of common pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a 1377 different county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in 1378

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:

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(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 1402 on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1403 common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 1404 successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1405 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1406 jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1407

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1408 on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 1409

1410 successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1411 of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 1412 assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1413 separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 1414 after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 1415 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 1416 division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 1417 the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 1418 majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 1419 unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 1420 division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 1421 of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 1422 after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 1423 domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 1424 term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 1425 first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 1426 is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 1427 elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 1428 of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1429 administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 1430 judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 1431 administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1432 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1433 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1434 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1435 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1436 including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 1437 discharge of their various duties. 1438

The administrative judge of the division of domestic1439relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense1440allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the1441

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

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, the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 1474 1475

(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

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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

of Hamilton County county and a judge of the Hamilton County1506county municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge1507under division (B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that1508both of the following apply:1509

(a) One of the following applies:

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

(b) All of the following apply:

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case inwhich 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, isdrug or alcohol driven.1530

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness toparticipate 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

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approves of the referral.

(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:

(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 of1567domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal1568separation, 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 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. 1599 1600 1600 1601

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

(E) In Mahoning county:

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

addition to other statutory duties, include the handling,1631servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage,1632legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and1633conciliation services that may be made available to persons1634requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an1635action pending in the division.1636

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1637 on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1638 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1639 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1640 common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1641 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1642 shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1643 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1644 conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1645 duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1646 shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 1647 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1648 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1649 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 1650 cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 1651 the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1652

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1653 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1654 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1655 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1656 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1657 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1658 conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1659 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1660 action pending in the division. 1661

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1662

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or1663unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of1664cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that1665judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of1666common pleas.1667

(F) In Montgomery county:

(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
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of
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the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 1695 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1696 division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 1697 the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1698 Revised Code. 1699

1700 In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1701 service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1702 its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1703 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1704 juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1705 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1706 The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1707 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1708 and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1709 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1710 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1711 investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1712 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1713 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1714 division. 1715

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1716 of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1717 pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1718 that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1719 division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1720 performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1721

(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

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

(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

1759 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 1760 work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1761 other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 1762 that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 1763 may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 1764 service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 1765 position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 1766 to serve.

(I) In Summit county:

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(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1768 on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 1769 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1770 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1771 the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 1772 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1773 domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1774 relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 1775 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1776 that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 1777 the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 1778 judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 1779 to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 1780 visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 1781 and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 1782 proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1783 matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 1784 have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 1785 interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 1786 Revised Code. 1787

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in1788point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic1789relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall1790

1791 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1792 personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 1793 are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1794 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 1795 That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1796 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1797 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1798 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1799 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1800 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1801 of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 1802 upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1803 action pending in the division.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1804 on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1805 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1806 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1807 common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 1808 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1809 be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 1810 provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 1811 in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 1812 of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 1813 not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1814 assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 1815 child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 1816 responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 1817 proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1818 matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1819 jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1820 proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1821 contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1822

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1823 division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 1824 charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1825 personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1826 referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1827 juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 1828 compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 1829 vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1830 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1831 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1832 investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1833 conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1834 whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1835 division. 1836

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1837 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1838 and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1839 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1840 other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 1841 shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1842 pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1843 powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1844 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1845 over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1846 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1847 shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1848 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1849 pleas. 1850

(K) In Butler county:

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(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin
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on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and
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1855 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1856 the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 1857 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1858 domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1859 relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 1860 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1861 court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 1862 to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 1863 in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1864 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1865 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1866 division.

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 1867 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1868 and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1869 duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1870 statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1871 investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1872 separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 1873 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1874 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1875 pending in the division, who request the services. 1876

(2) The judge judges of the court of common pleas whose term 1877 begins terms begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and 1878 successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1879 powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1880 other judges of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall 1881 be elected and designated as judge judges of the court of common 1882 pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge judges 1883 as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with 1884 the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The 1885 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1886

senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the1887juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge,1888senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment,1889assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the juvenile1890division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating1891juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers1892necessary 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

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separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1919 to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1920 reason. 1921

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic
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 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has
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 the following powers concerning division personnel:
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(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and1925supervision;1926

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1927 allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1928

(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:

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(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1934 on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1935 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1936 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1937 common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1938 judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1939 relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1940 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1941 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1942 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1943 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1944 of the work of the division and with the employment and 1945 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1946 division. 1947

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1948 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1949

1950 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1951 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1952 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1953 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1954 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1955 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1956 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1957 services.

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1958 on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1959 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1960 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1961 common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1962 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1963 be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1964 the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1965 those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1966 division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1967 its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1968 the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1969 the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1970 investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1971 judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1972 duties. 1973

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1974 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1975 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1976 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1977 the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1978 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1979 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1980 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1981

services.

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

(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:

(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

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The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2015 of the work of the division and with the employment and 2016 supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 2017 shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 2018 and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2019 duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 2020 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2021 and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2022 separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 2023 and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 2024 and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 2025 or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 2026 division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 2027 the overall court budget and shall be included in the 2028 appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 2029 the court of common pleas. 2030

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2031 on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2032 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2033 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2034 common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 2035 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 2036 after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 2037 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2038 jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2039 of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 2040 the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2041 judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2042 supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2043 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2044 including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2045

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discharge of the judge's various duties.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2047 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2048 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

2061 (P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 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.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2075 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2076 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2077

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of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall2078include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce,2079dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and2080providing any counseling and conciliation services that the2081division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons2082are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the20832084

(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

2110 whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 2111 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2112 and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2113 of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 2114 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2115 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2116 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2117 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2118 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2119 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2120 of the work of the division and with the employment and 2121 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2122 division.

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2123 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2124 personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2125 of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2126 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2127 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2128 providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2129 division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2130 are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2131 services. 2132

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 2133 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 2134 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2135 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2136 judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 2137 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2138 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2139 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2140 cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2141

2142 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2143 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2144 the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2145 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2146 proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2147 except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2148 another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2149 charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2150 division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2151 of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2152 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2153 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2154 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2155 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2156 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2157 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2158 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2159 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2160 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2161 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2162 parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 2163 conciliation services that the division makes available to 2164 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2165 pending in the division, who request the services. 2166

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2167 whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 2168 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2169 and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2170 of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 2171 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2172 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2173

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

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

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

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

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

division.

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 2276 handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 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 2294 criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 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

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of cases.

(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
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the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children
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services board and the county advisory board.
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(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 2334 court.

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2336 whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2337 same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2338 and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2339 common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 2340 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2341 relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2342 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2343 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2344 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2345 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2346 the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2347 parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 2348 matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 2349 that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 2350 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2351 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2352 employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2353

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2354 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2355 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2356 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2357 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2358 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2359 legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2360 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2361 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2362 for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2363 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2364 visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2365

that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2366 persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2367 request the services. 2368

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 2369 divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 2370 be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 2371 the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2372 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2373 court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 2374 domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 2375 engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2376 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2377 including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 2378 the judge's various duties. 2379

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2380 pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2381 2382 that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2383 other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 2384 shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2385 pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2386 otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2387 successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2388 juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2389 the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2390 Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2391 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2392 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2393 for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2394 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2395 visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2396 from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2397

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

(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 this2430section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of2431common 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

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 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

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