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A B I L L

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1
1901.08, 1901.34, 1907.11, 2151.23, 2301.02, 2
2301.03, 4705.07, and 4705.99 of the Revised Code 3
to specifically prohibit a person not licensed to 4
practice law in Ohio from performing any act 5
prohibited by the Supreme Court as the 6
unauthorized practice of law and to provide for 7
the recovery of damages for a violation of the 8
prohibition; to change the status of the judge of 9
the Napoleon Municipal Court from part-time to 10
full-time; to create the Darke County Municipal 11
Court on January 1, 2005, and establish one 12
full-time judgeship in that Court; to abolish the 13
Darke County County Court on January 1, 2005; to 14
provide for the nomination only by petition of the 15
judges of the Brown County Municipal Court and the 16
Morrow County Municipal Court; to add one 17
additional judge for the Domestic Relations 18
Division of the Licking County Court of Common 19
Pleas to be elected in 2004; to add one additional 20

judgeship for the Franklin County Court of Common 21
Pleas to be elected in 2004; to clarify the 22
jurisdiction and administration of the Domestic 23
Relations Division of the Muskingum County Court 24
of Common Pleas; to modify the jurisdiction and 25
administration of the Domestic Relations Division 26
of the Richland County Court of Common Pleas; and 27
to declare an emergency. 28

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 29
1901.08, 1901.34, 1907.11, 2151.23, 2301.02, 2301.03, 4705.07, and 30
4705.99 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 31

Sec. 1901.01. (A) There is hereby established a municipal 32
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 33

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 34
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling Green, 35
Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Celina, Chardon, 36
Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Circleville, Cleveland, 37
Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, 38
Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, 39
Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, Fairfield, Findlay, Fostoria, Franklin, 40
Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield Heights, Georgetown, Girard, 41
Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, 42
Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, 43
Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, 44
Massillon, Maumee, Medina, Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Mount 45
Gilead, Mount Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Philadelphia, Newton 46
Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Painesville, 47
Parma, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky River, 48

Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, 49
Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, 50
Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, 51
Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of Washington in Fayette 52
county, to be known as Washington Court House, Willoughby, 53
Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and Zanesville. 54

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 55
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 56
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 57
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 58
municipal court. The municipal court established by this division 59
is a continuation of the municipal court previously established in 60
Batavia by this section before the enactment of this division. 61

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 62
Columbiana County in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation 63
or unincorporated territory within Columbiana county, except the 64
municipal corporation of East Liverpool or Liverpool or St. Clair 65
township, that is selected by the judges of the municipal court 66
pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code. 67

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by section 68
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the corporate 69
limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, for the 70
Clermont county municipal court, within the municipal corporation 71
or unincorporated territory in which it is established, and are 72
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 73
"..... municipal court," inserting 74
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 75
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 76

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that shall 77
be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal court"; 78

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that shall 79

be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal court";	80
(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court";	81 82
(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court";	83 84
(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court";	85 86
(6) The municipal court established in London that shall be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court";	87 88
(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court";	89 90
(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court";	91 92
(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal court";	93 94
(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court";	95 96
(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court";	97 98
(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court";	99 100
(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court";	101 102
(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court";	103 104
(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court";	105 106
(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court";	107 108

(17) The municipal court established within Clermont county 109
in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated 110
territory within Clermont county that is selected by the 111
legislative authority of that court that shall be styled and known 112
as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 113

(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 114
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the "Clinton 115
county municipal court"; 116

(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 117
shall be styled and known as "the Ottawa county municipal court"; 118

(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 119
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 120
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 121

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana county 122
in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated 123
territory selected pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of 124
the Revised Code, that shall be styled and known as the 125
"Columbiana county municipal court"; 126

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 127
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 128
"Brown county municipal court"; 129

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 130
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 131
"Morrow county municipal court"; 132

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 133
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke 134
county municipal court." 135

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division (A) 136
of this section, the municipal courts established by section 137
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 138

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 139
Northampton, Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the 140
municipal corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in 141
Summit county. 142

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 143
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 144
county. 145

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashland 146
county. 147

The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within 148
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county. 149

The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within 150
Athens county. 151

The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction within 152
Auglaize county. 153

The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the 154
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county. 155

The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within 156
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley 157
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, and 158
within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in Summit 159
county. 160

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the 161
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, 162
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, 163
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within 164
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county. 165

The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within 166
Logan county. 167

The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme and 168

Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township in Sandusky county.	169 170
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted township, in Cuyahoga county.	171 172 173 174
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, and Weston, and within Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	183 184
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams county.	185 186
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within Guernsey county.	187 188
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	189 190
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in Stark county.	191 192 193
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	194 195
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	196 197
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	198

county.	199
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	200 201
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	202 203
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	204 205
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	206 207
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	208 209
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	210 211
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and St. Clair townships.	212 213 214 215
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coshocton county.	216 217
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within Crawford county.	218 219
The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	220 221 222 223 224 225
<u>Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal court</u> <u>has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the municipal</u> <u>corporation of Bradford.</u>	226 227 228

The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within Defiance county.	229 230
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within Delaware county.	231 232
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	233 234
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble county.	235 236
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	237 238 239 240
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	241 242 243
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	244 245
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Hancock county except within Washington township.	246 247
The Fostoria municipal court has jurisdiction within Loudon and Jackson townships in Seneca county, within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry township in Wood county.	248 249 250
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin township in Warren county.	251 252
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin county.	253 254
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	255 256
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within Gallia	257

county.	258
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	259
the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton Hills, Valley	260
View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, Independence, and	261
Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	262
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within Liberty,	263
Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	264
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross and	265
St. Clair townships in Butler county.	266
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction within	267
Hamilton county.	268
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	269
Hardin county.	270
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	271
Highland county except within Madison township.	272
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	273
Hocking county.	274
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	275
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	276
corporation of Sandusky.	277
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	278
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	279
townships in Lawrence county.	280
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	281
Jackson county.	282
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	283
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	284
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	285
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	286

jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	287
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction within	288
the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes, Union, and	289
Windsor in Lawrence county.	290
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	291
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	292
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	293
Licking county.	294
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	295
county.	296
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	297
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	298
township, in Lorain county.	299
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	300
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, Mayfield,	301
Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga county.	302
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	303
Madison county.	304
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	305
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	306
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	307
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	308
Richland county.	309
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	310
Washington county.	311
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	312
county.	313
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within Union	314
county.	315

The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within Deerfield township in Warren county.	316 317
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson townships in Stark county.	318 319 320
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county.	321 322 323 324 325
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in Medina county.	326 327 328 329 330 331
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	332 333
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of Bradford that is located in Darke county.	334 335 336
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	337 338 339
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	340 341 342
Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal court has jurisdiction within Morrow county.	343 344
The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox	345

county.	346
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry	347
county.	348
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within	349
the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks,	350
Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin,	351
Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas	352
county.	353
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within	354
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington,	355
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	356
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the	357
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield	358
township in Trumbull county.	359
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	360
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	361
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	362
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	363
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	364
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	365
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	366
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	367
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	368
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the	369
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	370
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	371
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the	372
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	373
Toledo municipal court.	374
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	375

Ottawa county.	376
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	377
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in Lake	378
county.	379
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	380
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, North	381
Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn Heights in	382
Cuyahoga county.	383
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	384
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	385
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, in	386
Wood county.	387
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	388
Portage county.	389
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within Scioto	390
county.	391
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within the	392
municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park,	393
and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in Cuyahoga	394
county.	395
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	396
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	397
Perkins township, in Erie county.	398
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	399
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	400
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	401
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	402
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and within	403
all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, in	404
Richland county.	405

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby county.	406 407
The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning county.	408 409 410
The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county.	411 412 413 414 415 416
The Tiffin municipal court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Liberty, Pleasant, Reed, Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county.	417 418 419
The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county.	420 421 422
The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within Wyandot county.	423 424
The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery county.	425 426 427 428
The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van Wert county.	429 430
The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	431 432 433 434
The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the	435

municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 436
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, Sharon, 437
Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 438

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren and 439
Champion townships, and within all of Howland township except 440
within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull county. 441

The Washington Court House municipal court has jurisdiction 442
within Fayette county. 443

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 444
Wayne county. 445

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 446
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 447
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 448
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 449
county. 450

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 451
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 452

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 453
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 454
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 455
Greene county. 456

(C) As used in this section: 457

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but not 458
limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 459
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 460
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 461
governmentally a part of the township. 462

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land within 463
the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation and any 464
townships that are coextensive with the municipal corporation. 465

Sec. 1901.03. As used in this chapter:	466
(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code.	467 468 469
(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the respective board of county commissioners of the county in which a county-operated municipal court is located.	470 471 472 473 474
(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the county in which a county-operated municipal court is located.	475 476 477 478 479
(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located.	480 481 482
(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located.	483 484 485
(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Columbiana county, Crawford county, <u>Darke county</u> , Hamilton county, Hocking county, Jackson county, Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, or Wayne county municipal court.	486 487 488 489 490 491
(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a judge sits pursuant to section 1901.021 of the Revised Code.	492 493 494 495

Sec. 1901.07. (A) All municipal court judges shall be elected 496
on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a municipal 497
court in which only one judge is to be elected in any one year, 498
~~his~~ that judge's term commences on the first day of January after 499
the election. In a municipal court in which two or more judges are 500
to be elected in any one year, their terms commence on successive 501
days beginning the first day of January, following the election, 502
unless otherwise provided by section 1901.08 of the Revised Code. 503

(B) All candidates for municipal judge may be nominated 505
either by nominating petition or by primary election, except that 506
if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends only to the 507
corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which the court 508
is located and that municipal corporation operates under a 509
charter, all candidates shall be nominated in the same manner 510
provided in the charter for the office of municipal judge, or if 511
no specific provisions are made in the charter for the office of 512
municipal judge, in the same manner as the charter prescribes for 513
the nomination and election of the legislative authority of the 514
municipal corporation. 515

If a municipal corporation that has a municipal court has a 516
charter that specifies a primary date other than the date 517
specified in division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code, 518
and if the jurisdiction of the court extends beyond the corporate 519
limits of the municipal corporation, all candidates for the office 520
of municipal judge of that court shall be nominated only by 521
petition. 522

If no charter provisions apply, all candidates for party 523
nomination to the office of municipal judge shall file a 524
declaration of candidacy and petition not later than four p.m. of 525
the seventy-fifth day before the day of the primary election, or 526

if the primary election is a presidential primary election, not 527
later than four p.m. of the sixtieth day before the day of the 528
presidential primary election, in the form prescribed by section 529
3513.07 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the 530
requirements provided for such petitions of candidacy contained in 531
section 3513.05 of the Revised Code. If no valid declaration of 532
candidacy is filed for nomination as a candidate of a political 533
party for election to the office of municipal judge, or if the 534
number of persons filing the declarations of candidacy for 535
nominations as candidates of one political party for election to 536
the office does not exceed the number of candidates that that 537
party is entitled to nominate as its candidates for election to 538
the office, no primary election shall be held for the purpose of 539
nominating candidates of that party for election to the office, 540
and the candidates shall be issued certificates of nomination in 541
the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 542

If no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan candidates filing 543
nominating petitions for the office of municipal judge shall file 544
them not later than four p.m. of the day before the day of the 545
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.261 of 546
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 547
provided for such petitions of candidacy contained in section 548
3513.257 of the Revised Code. 549

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 550
municipal judge shall contain a designation of the term for which 551
the candidate seeks election. At the following regular municipal 552
election, the candidacies of the judges nominated shall be 553
submitted to the electors of the territory on a nonpartisan, 554
judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for judges of the 555
court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal corporation 556
operating under a charter, all candidates for municipal judge 557
shall be elected in conformity with the charter if provisions are 558

made in the charter for the election of municipal judges. 559

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, in 560
the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated and 561
elected as follows: 562

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 563
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 564
least one thousand electors of the territory of the court. It 565
shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner 566
and within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 567
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 568
offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 569
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 570
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in 571
the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 572
of common pleas. 573

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 574
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 575
least one thousand electors of the territory of the court. It 576
shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner 577
and within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 578
Toledo for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each 579
elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 580
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be 581
elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 582
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 583
common pleas. 584

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 585
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 586
least two hundred fifty electors of the territory of the court. It 587
shall be in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 588
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 589
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 590

Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 591
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be 592
elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 593
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 594
common pleas. 595

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges shall 596
be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 597
least one thousand electors of the territory of the court, which 598
petitions shall be signed, verified, and filed in the manner and 599
within the time required by law for nominating petitions for 600
members of council of the city of Cincinnati. The judges shall be 601
elected by the electors of the territory of the court at the 602
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 603
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 604

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges shall 605
be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 606
least one thousand electors of the territory of the court. The 607
petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed in the 608
manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of the city 609
of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 610
offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors of the 611
territory of the court in the manner provided by law for the 612
election of judges of the court of common pleas. 613

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Crawford, Hocking, 614
Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Portage, and Wayne 615
county municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated only by 616
petition. The petitions shall be signed by at least two hundred 617
fifty electors of the territory of the court and shall conform to 618
the provisions of this section. 619

(D) As used in this section, as to an election for either a 620
full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the jurisdiction 621
of the court" means such territory as it will be on the first day 622

of January after the election. 623

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 624
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 625
their terms shall be as follows: 626

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 627
elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, 628
one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time 629
judge shall be elected in 1975. 630

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 631
elected in 1953. 632

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 633
elected in 1951. 634

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall 635
be elected in 1953. 636

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 637
shall be elected in 1967. 638

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge 639
shall be elected in 1975. 640

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one part-time judge shall 641
be elected in 1957. 642

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 643
be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 644
1971. 645

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 646
elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. 647

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 648
shall be elected in 1993. 649

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 650
elected in 1951. 651

In the Berea municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 652
elected in 1957, term to commence on the first day of January next 653
after election, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1981, 654
term to commence on the second day of January next after election. 655
The part-time judge elected in 1987 whose term commenced on 656
January 1, 1988, shall serve until December 31, 1993, and the 657
office of that judge is abolished, effective on the earlier of 658
December 31, 1993, or the date on which that judge resigns, 659
retires, or otherwise vacates judicial office. 660

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 661
shall be elected in 1983. 662

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 663
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the 664
part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed 665
prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 666
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 667
until December 31, 2005. 668

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 669
elected in 1965. 670

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall 671
be elected in 1951. 672

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 673
elected in 1963. 674

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 675
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and 676
two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 677

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 678
elected in 1957. 679

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time judge 680
shall be elected in 2001. 681

In the Chardon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 682
elected in 1963. 683

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge shall 684
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 685
1977. 686

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 687
be elected in 1953. 688

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 689
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 690
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield municipal 691
court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as the judges 692
of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until 693
the end of their respective terms. 694

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time judges 695
shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected 696
in 1999. 697

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges shall 698
be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be elected in 699
1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 1955. 700

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 701
shall be elected in 1957. 702

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 703
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 704
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 705
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the 706
end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 707

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 708
judges shall be elected in 2001 709

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 710
elected in 1953. 711

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 712
be elected in 1951. 713

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time judge 714
shall be elected in 1977. 715

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 716
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected 717
in 1967. 718

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 719
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time 720
judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior to that 721
date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the 722
full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 723
31, 2005. 724

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges shall 725
be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive days 726
beginning on the first day of January next after their election, 727
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, their terms to 728
commence on successive days beginning on the second day of January 729
next after their election. 730

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 731
elected in 1957. 732

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 733
elected in 1953. 734

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 735
shall be elected in 1957. 736

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 737
shall be elected in 1953. 738

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 739
elected in 1973. 740

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 741

elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 742

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 743
elected in 1951. 744

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 745
elected in 1977. 746

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge 747
shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected 748
in 2005. 749

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall 750
be elected in 1989. 751

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 752
elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993. 753

In the Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 754
elected in 1975. 755

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 756
elected in 1951. 757

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges 758
shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected 759
in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one 760
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge 761
shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected 762
in 1997. 763

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 764
elected in 1975. 765

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall 766
be elected in 1981. 767

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 768
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected 769
in 1981. 770

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 771
elected in 1963. 772

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 773
elected in 1953. 774

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time judges 775
shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be elected 776
in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, and two 777
full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of judges of 778
the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on the first 779
day of January next after their election, except that the terms of 780
the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall commence on 781
January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the terms of the 782
additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall commence on January 783
4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 784

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 785
shall be elected in 1989. 786

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one part-time judge shall 787
be elected in 1957. 788

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 789
shall be elected in 1977. 790

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 791
elected in 1967. 792

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 793
elected in 1951. 794

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 795
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the 796
part-time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was 797
elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 798
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 799

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall 800

be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 801
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In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955. 803
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In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the end of those judges' terms. 805
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In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1981. 811
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In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1955. 813
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In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 815
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In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. 818
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In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 820
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In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1957. 822
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In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981. 824
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In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969. 826
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In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957. 829
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In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	831 832
In the Marysville municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	833 834
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	835 836
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	837 838 839
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	840 841
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	842 843
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	844 845
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	846 847 848
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	849 850
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	851 852
In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part-time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	853 854 855 856 857
In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	858 859

In the Napoleon municipal court, one ~~part-time~~ full-time judge shall be elected in ~~1963~~ 2005. 860
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In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 862
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In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963. 864
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In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951. 866
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In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 868
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In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953. 870
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In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989. 872
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In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963. 874
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In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term. 876
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In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951. 881
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In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 883
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In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977. 886
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In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges 888

shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected 889
in 1971. 890

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 891
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton 892
municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of 893
the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the 894
end of that judge's term. 895

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 896
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 897
1985. 898

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall 899
be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 900
1971. 901

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 902
elected in 1953. 903

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 904
shall be elected in 1957. 905

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 906
elected in 1957. 907

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 908
elected in 1995. 909

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 910
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 911
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 912
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 913
January 1, 2000. 914

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 915
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be elected 916
in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the Springfield 917
municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as the judges of 918

the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the 919
end of their respective terms. 920

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 921
shall be elected in 1953. 922

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall 923
be elected in 1963. 924

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 925
elected in 1963. 926

In the Tiffin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 927
elected in 1953. 928

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 929
elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, 930
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 931

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one part-time judge 932
shall be elected in 1957. 933

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 934
elected in 1959. 935

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 936
elected in 1957. 937

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge shall 938
be elected in 1965. 939

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 940
be elected in 1981. 941

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 942
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 943

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time 944
judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 945
1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 946
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 947

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In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	949 950 951
In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	952 953
In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	954 955 956 957 958
In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	959 960
In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953.	961 962 963
In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	964 965
Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and (D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas within the territory of the	966 967 968 969 970 971 972 973 974 975 976 977

municipal court. 978

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 979
Hocking county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, and 980
Portage county prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal 981
court all violations of state law arising in their respective 982
counties. The Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison county, 983
and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute all 984
violations of state law arising within the unincorporated areas of 985
their respective counties. The Columbiana county prosecuting 986
attorney shall prosecute in the Columbiana county municipal court 987
all violations of state law arising in the county, except for 988
violations arising in the municipal corporation of East Liverpool, 989
Liverpool township, or St. Clair township. The Darke county 990
prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the Darke county municipal 991
court all violations of state law arising in the county, except 992
for violations of state law arising in the municipal corporation 993
of Greenville and violations of state law arising in the village 994
of Versailles. 995

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 996
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 997
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 998
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, Portage, 999
and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the rate of four 1000
thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the prosecuting 1001
attorney of Auglaize county shall receive compensation at the rate 1002
of one thousand eight hundred dollars per year, each payable from 1003
the county treasury of the respective counties in semimonthly 1004
installments. 1005

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1006
chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, insofar as they 1007
are applicable to the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1008

similar chief legal officer, as are required of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes.

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Jackson, Morrow, Ottawa, or Portage county, may enter into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Jackson, Morrow, Ottawa, or Portage county may enter into an agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, or Portage county municipal court for violations of the ordinances of the municipal corporation or for criminal offenses other than violations of state law occurring within the municipal corporation. For prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the office of the prosecuting attorney.

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have the following county court judges, to be elected as follows:

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge shall

be elected in 1982. 1040

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1041
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected 1042
in 1982. 1043

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge shall 1044
be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two 1045
part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on 1046
January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1047

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge shall 1048
be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two 1049
part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on 1050
January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1051

In the Carroll county county court, one part-time judge shall 1052
be elected in 1982. 1053

~~In the Darke county county court, one part time judge shall 1054
be elected in 1980, and one part time judge shall be elected in 1055
1982. 1056~~

In the Erie county county court, one part-time judge shall be 1057
elected in 1982. 1058

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge shall 1059
be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1060
1982. 1061

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1062
shall be elected in 1982. 1063

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1064
shall be elected in 1982. 1065

In the Holmes county county court, one part-time judge shall 1066
be elected in 1982. 1067

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1068
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and 1069

two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence 1070
on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1071

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1072
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and 1073
three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence 1074
on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1995, 1075
respectively. 1076

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge shall 1077
be elected in 1982. 1078

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge shall 1079
be elected in 1982. 1080

In the Montgomery county county court, three part-time judges 1081
shall be elected in 1998, terms to commence on January 1, 1999, 1082
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively, and two 1083
part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on 1084
January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1085

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge shall 1086
be elected in 1982. 1087

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1088
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected 1089
in 1982. 1090

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge shall 1091
be elected in 1982. 1092

In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge 1093
shall be elected in 1982. 1094

In the Perry county county court, one part-time judge shall 1095
be elected in 1982. 1096

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall be 1097
elected in 1982. 1098

In the Putnam county county court, one part-time judge shall 1099

be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1100
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In the Sandusky county county court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1102
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In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1994. 1105
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In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1108
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In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1110
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In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. 1112
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(B)(1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1115
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(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1118
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Sec. 2151.23. (A) The juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction under the Revised Code as follows: 1122
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(1) Concerning any child who on or about the date specified in the complaint, indictment, or information is alleged to have violated section 2151.87 of the Revised Code or an order issued under that section or to be a juvenile traffic offender or a delinquent, unruly, abused, neglected, or dependent child and, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the 1124
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child, concerning the parent, guardian, or other person having	1130
care of a child who is alleged to be an unruly or delinquent child	1131
for being an habitual or chronic truant;	1132
(2) Subject to division <u>divisions (G) and (V)</u> of section	1133
2301.03 of the Revised Code, to determine the custody of any child	1134
not a ward of another court of this state;	1135
(3) To hear and determine any application for a writ of	1136
habeas corpus involving the custody of a child;	1137
(4) To exercise the powers and jurisdiction given the probate	1138
division of the court of common pleas in Chapter 5122. of the	1139
Revised Code, if the court has probable cause to believe that a	1140
child otherwise within the jurisdiction of the court is a mentally	1141
ill person subject to hospitalization by court order, as defined	1142
in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code;	1143
(5) To hear and determine all criminal cases charging adults	1144
with the violation of any section of this chapter;	1145
(6) To hear and determine all criminal cases in which an	1146
adult is charged with a violation of division (C) of section	1147
2919.21, division (B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222,	1148
division (B) of section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised	1149
Code, provided the charge is not included in an indictment that	1150
also charges the alleged adult offender with the commission of a	1151
felony arising out of the same actions that are the basis of the	1152
alleged violation of division (C) of section 2919.21, division	1153
(B)(1) of section 2919.22, section 2919.222, division (B) of	1154
section 2919.23, or section 2919.24 of the Revised Code;	1155
(7) Under the interstate compact on juveniles in section	1156
2151.56 of the Revised Code;	1157
(8) Concerning any child who is to be taken into custody	1158
pursuant to section 2151.31 of the Revised Code, upon being	1159
notified of the intent to take the child into custody and the	1160

reasons for taking the child into custody;	1161
(9) To hear and determine requests for the extension of temporary custody agreements, and requests for court approval of permanent custody agreements, that are filed pursuant to section 5103.15 of the Revised Code;	1162 1163 1164 1165
(10) To hear and determine applications for consent to marry pursuant to section 3101.04 of the Revised Code;	1166 1167
(11) Subject to division <u>divisions (G) and</u> (V) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, to hear and determine a request for an order for the support of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;	1168 1169 1170 1171 1172 1173 1174
(12) Concerning an action commenced under section 121.38 of the Revised Code;	1175 1176
(13) To hear and determine violations of section 3321.38 of the Revised Code;	1177 1178
(14) To exercise jurisdiction and authority over the parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child alleged to be a delinquent child, unruly child, or juvenile traffic offender, based on and in relation to the allegation pertaining to the child;	1179 1180 1181 1182 1183
(15) To conduct the hearings, and to make the determinations, adjudications, and orders authorized or required under sections 2152.82 to 2152.85 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code regarding a child who has been adjudicated a delinquent child and to refer the duties conferred upon the juvenile court judge under sections 2152.82 to 2152.85 and Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code to magistrates appointed by the juvenile court judge in accordance with Juvenile Rule 40.	1184 1185 1186 1187 1188 1189 1190 1191

(B) Except as provided in ~~division~~ divisions (G) and (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, the juvenile court has original jurisdiction under the Revised Code:

(1) To hear and determine all cases of misdemeanors charging adults with any act or omission with respect to any child, which act or omission is a violation of any state law or any municipal ordinance;

(2) To determine the paternity of any child alleged to have been born out of wedlock pursuant to sections 3111.01 to 3111.18 of the Revised Code;

(3) Under the uniform interstate family support act in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code;

(4) To hear and determine an application for an order for the support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court of this state;

(5) To hear and determine an action commenced under section 3111.28 of the Revised Code;

(6) To hear and determine a motion filed under section 3119.961 of the Revised Code.

(C) The juvenile court, except as to juvenile courts that are a separate division of the court of common pleas or a separate and independent juvenile court, has jurisdiction to hear, determine, and make a record of any action for divorce or legal separation that involves the custody or care of children and that is filed in the court of common pleas and certified by the court of common pleas with all the papers filed in the action to the juvenile court for trial, provided that no certification of that nature shall be made to any juvenile court unless the consent of the juvenile judge first is obtained. After a certification of that nature is made and consent is obtained, the juvenile court shall

proceed as if the action originally had been begun in that court, 1222
except as to awards for spousal support or support due and unpaid 1223
at the time of certification, over which the juvenile court has no 1224
jurisdiction. 1225

(D) The juvenile court, except as provided in ~~division~~ 1226
divisions (G) and (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has 1227
jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters as to custody and 1228
support of children duly certified by the court of common pleas to 1229
the juvenile court after a divorce decree has been granted, 1230
including jurisdiction to modify the judgment and decree of the 1231
court of common pleas as the same relate to the custody and 1232
support of children. 1233

(E) The juvenile court, except as provided in ~~division~~ 1234
divisions (G) and (I) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, has 1235
jurisdiction to hear and determine the case of any child certified 1236
to the court by any court of competent jurisdiction if the child 1237
comes within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as defined by 1238
this section. 1239

(F)(1) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 1240
child custody matters in accordance with sections 3109.04, 3109.21 1241
to 3109.36, and 5103.20 to 5103.28 of the Revised Code. 1242

(2) The juvenile court shall exercise its jurisdiction in 1243
child support matters in accordance with section 3109.05 of the 1244
Revised Code. 1245

(G) Any juvenile court that makes or modifies an order for 1246
child support shall comply with Chapters 3119., 3121., 3123., and 1247
3125. of the Revised Code. If any person required to pay child 1248
support under an order made by a juvenile court on or after April 1249
15, 1985, or modified on or after December 1, 1986, is found in 1250
contempt of court for failure to make support payments under the 1251
order, the court that makes the finding, in addition to any other 1252

penalty or remedy imposed, shall assess all court costs arising 1253
out of the contempt proceeding against the person and require the 1254
person to pay any reasonable attorney's fees of any adverse party, 1255
as determined by the court, that arose in relation to the act of 1256
contempt. 1257

(H) If a child who is charged with an act that would be an 1258
offense if committed by an adult was fourteen years of age or 1259
older and under eighteen years of age at the time of the alleged 1260
act and if the case is transferred for criminal prosecution 1261
pursuant to section 2152.12 of the Revised Code, the juvenile 1262
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine the case 1263
subsequent to the transfer. The court to which the case is 1264
transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to that section has 1265
jurisdiction subsequent to the transfer to hear and determine the 1266
case in the same manner as if the case originally had been 1267
commenced in that court, including, but not limited to, 1268
jurisdiction to accept a plea of guilty or another plea authorized 1269
by Criminal Rule 11 or another section of the Revised Code and 1270
jurisdiction to accept a verdict and to enter a judgment of 1271
conviction pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure against the 1272
child for the commission of the offense that was the basis of the 1273
transfer of the case for criminal prosecution, whether the 1274
conviction is for the same degree or a lesser degree of the 1275
offense charged, for the commission of a lesser-included offense, 1276
or for the commission of another offense that is different from 1277
the offense charged. 1278

(I) If a person under eighteen years of age allegedly commits 1279
an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult and if the 1280
person is not taken into custody or apprehended for that act until 1281
after the person attains twenty-one years of age, the juvenile 1282
court does not have jurisdiction to hear or determine any portion 1283
of the case charging the person with committing that act. In those 1284

circumstances, divisions (A) and (B) of section 2152.12 of the Revised Code do not apply regarding the act, and the case charging the person with committing the act shall be a criminal prosecution commenced and heard in the appropriate court having jurisdiction of the offense as if the person had been eighteen years of age or older when the person committed the act. All proceedings pertaining to the act shall be within the jurisdiction of the court having jurisdiction of the offense, and that court has all the authority and duties in the case that it has in other criminal cases in that court.

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

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

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

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

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

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;

In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be

elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	1315
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	1316 1317
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005;	1318 1319 1320
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	1321 1322
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;	1323 1324
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	1325 1326
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	1327 1328 1329
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	1330 1331 1332 1333
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979;	1334 1335 1336 1337
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;	1338 1339 1340
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 2008, term	1341 1342 1343 1344

to begin February 9, 2009;	1345
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	1346
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970,	1347
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in	1348
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	1349
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	1350
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976,	1351
term to begin January 6, 1977;	1352
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	1353
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	1354
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978,	1355
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in	1356
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	1357
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	1358
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	1359
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	1360
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	1361
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	1362
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	1363
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	1364
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	1365
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	1366
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	1367
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	1368
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	1369
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	1370
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	1371
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term	1372
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to	1373
begin on January 1, 1971;	1374

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 1375
term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to 1376
begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to 1377
begin January 2, 2003; 1378

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 1379
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 1380
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1381
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 1382

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 1383
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 1384
term to begin January 1, 1977; 1385

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 1386
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 1387
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1388
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 1389

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 1390
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 1391
term to begin January 2, 1987; 1392

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 1393
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 1394
term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, 1395
term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1396
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 1397

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 1398
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 1399
to begin January 1, 1987; 1400

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 1401
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 1402
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 1403
term to begin January 1, 1991; 1404

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 1405
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 1406
respectively; 1407

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 1408
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 1409
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 1410
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 1411
to begin January 2, 1995. 1412

In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 1413
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 1414
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 1415
term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in 1416
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 1417

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 1418
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 1419
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 1420

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 1421
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 1422
term to begin January 1, 1995; 1423

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 1424
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 1425
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 1426
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 1427
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 1428
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 1429
2001; 1430

In Licking county, ~~three~~ four judges, one to be elected in 1431
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, 1432
term to begin January 1, 1965, ~~and~~ one to be elected in 1990, term 1433
to begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 1434
begin January 1, 2005; 1435

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, 1436
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 1437
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 1438
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 1439
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 1440
1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 1441
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; 1442

In Butler county, ten judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 1443
to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to 1444
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to 1445
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be 1446
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected 1447
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, 1448
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 1449
1993; and two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 1450
2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; 1451

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 1452
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 1453
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968, 1454
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 1455
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 1456

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 1457
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1458
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 1459

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 1460
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 1461
begin January 2, 1969; 1462

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 1463
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 1464
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 1465
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 1466

term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 1467
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 1468
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 1469

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 1470
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from 1471
January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 1472
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 1473
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 1474
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 1475
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 1476
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 1477
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 1478
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 1479
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 1480
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 1481
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 1482
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 1483
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 1484
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 1485
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 1486
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 1487
14, 1987, respectively; 1488

In Franklin county, ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-two judges; two to be 1489
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1490
1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin 1491
January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, 1492
terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 1493
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1494
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 1495
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 1496
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected 1497
in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, 1498

terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; ~~and~~ 1499
one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one 1500
to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 1501

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 1502
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 1503
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 1504
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 1505
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 1506
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 1507
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 1508
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 1509
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1510
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1511
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 1512

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 1513
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 1514
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1515
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1516
1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 1517
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1518
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 1519
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 1520
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 1521
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 1522
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 1523
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 1524
1993; 1525

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 1526
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 1527
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 1528
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 1529
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1530

2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1531
1991; 1532

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 1533
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 1534
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 1535
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953, 1536
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1537
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 1538
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 1539
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 1540
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 1541
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1542
1, 1993. 1543

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 1544
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 1545
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 1546
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 1547
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 1548
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 1549
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 1550

In Summit county, eleven judges; four to be elected in 1954, 1551
terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, 1552
and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, 1553
terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, 1554
respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 1555
1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; 1556
one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; and one to 1557
be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993. 1558

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 1559
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 1560
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 1561
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 1562

elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 1563
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 1564
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 1565
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 1566
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 1567
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 1568
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 1569
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 1570
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 1571
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 1572

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 1573
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 1574
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 1575
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 1576
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 1577
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 1578
probate division. 1579

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 1580
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1581
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 1582
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1583
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1584
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 1585
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1586
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1587
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1588
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1589
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1590
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1591
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1592
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 1593
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 1594

the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 1595
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 1596

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(B) In Hamilton county: 1598

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 1599
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1600
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 1601
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1602
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1603
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1604

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1605
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 1606
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1607
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 1608
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1609
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 1610
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 1611
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 1612
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 1613
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 1614
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 1615
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 1616
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 1617
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 1618
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 1619
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 1620
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 1621
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 1622
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 1623
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 1624
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1625

administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 1626

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 1627
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 1628
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1629
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1630
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1631
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1632
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1633
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 1634
discharge of their various duties. 1635

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1636
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1637
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1638
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1639
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1640
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 1641
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 1642
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1643
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1644
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1645
action pending in the division. 1646

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 1647
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 1648
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 1649
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 1650
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 1651
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1652
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 1653
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 1654
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 1655
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 1656
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 1657

adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 1658

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 1659
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 1660
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 1661
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 1662
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 1663

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1664
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 1665
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 1666
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 1667
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 1668
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 1669
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 1670
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 1671
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 1672
in the case involved. 1673

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 1674
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successor to that 1675
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall each be elected 1676
and designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the 1677
court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The successors to the 1678
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected and 1679
designated as judges of the general division of the court of 1680
common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority 1681
granted by division (B)(3) of this section. The drug court judge 1682
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 1683
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 1684
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 1685
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 1686
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 1687
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 1688
pronounce and enter sentence. 1689

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1690
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 1691
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 1692
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 1693
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 1694
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 1695
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 1696
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 1697
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 1698
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 1699
and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 1700
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 1701
the case. 1702

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1703
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 1704
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 1705
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 1706
following apply: 1707

(a) One of the following applies: 1708

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1709
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 1710
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1711
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1712
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 1713

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 1714
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 1715
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 1716
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 1717
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 1718
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 1719
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 1720

(b) All of the following apply:	1721
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be imposed.	1722 1723 1724 1725
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	1726
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	1727
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	1728 1729
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	1730 1731
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	1732
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	1733 1734
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	1735 1736 1737 1738 1739 1740 1741 1742 1743 1744 1745
(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	1746 1747 1748 1749
(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas	1750

whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 1751
2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1752
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1753
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1754
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 1755
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 1756
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 1757
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 1758
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1759
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1760
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 1761
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 1762
judge of the court of common pleas. 1763

(D) In Lucas county: 1764

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1765
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 1766
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1767
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1768
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 1769
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1770
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1771
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1772

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1773
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1774
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1775
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1776
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1777
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1778

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1779
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 1780
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1781
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1782

the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 1783
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1784
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1785
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1786
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1787
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1788
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1789
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1790
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1791
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1792
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1793
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 1794
the discharge of their various duties. 1795

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1796
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1797
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1798
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 1799
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1800
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 1801
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1802
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1803
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1804
action pending in the division. 1805

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1806
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1807
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1808
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1809
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1810
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1811

(E) In Mahoning county: 1812

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1813
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1814

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1815
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1816
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1817
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1818
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1819
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1820
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1821
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1822
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1823
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1824
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1825
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1826
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1827
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1828
the various duties of the judge's office. 1829

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1830
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1831
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1832
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1833
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1834
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1835
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 1836
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1837
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1838
action pending in the division. 1839

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1840
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1841
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1842
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1843
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1844
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1845
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1846

2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1847
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1848
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1849
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 1850
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1851
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1852
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 1853
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 1854
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1855

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1856
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1857
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1858
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1859
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1860
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1861
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1862
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1863
action pending in the division. 1864

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1865
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1866
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1867
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1868
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 1869
common pleas. 1870

(F) In Montgomery county: 1871

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1872
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 1873
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1874
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1875
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1876
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1877
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1878

to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1879
and annulment cases. 1880

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1881
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 1882
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 1883
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 1884
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1885
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1886
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 1887
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 1888
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 1889
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1890
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 1891
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1892
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 1893

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1894
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1895
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1896
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1897
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 1898
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1899
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 1900
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1901
Revised Code. 1902

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1903
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1904
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1905
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1906
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1907
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1908
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1909
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1910

title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1911
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1912
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1913
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1914
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1915
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1916
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1917
division. 1918

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1919
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1920
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1921
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1922
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1923
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1924

(G) In Richland county: 1925

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1926
on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 1927
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1928
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1929
common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 1930
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1931
domestic relations. That judge shall ~~have be~~ assigned ~~to that~~ 1932
~~judge~~ and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1933
separation, and annulment cases ~~that come before the court, all~~ 1934
domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 of the 1935
Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings arising from any 1936
case pertaining to any of those matters. The division of domestic 1937
relations has concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile division 1938
of the court of common pleas of Richland county to determine the 1939
care, custody, or control of any child not a ward of another court 1940
of this state, and to hear and determine a request for an order 1941
for the support of any child if the request is not ancillary to an 1942

action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 1943
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of 1944
domestic violence, or an action for support brought under Chapter 1945
3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the 1946
exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge 1947
of the division of domestic relations shall ~~have~~ be assigned ~~to~~ 1948
~~that judge~~ and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 1949
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1950
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1951
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 1952
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1953
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1954
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 1955
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 1956
those matters. ~~The judge of the division of domestic relations~~ 1957
~~shall have assigned to that judge and hear all proceedings under~~ 1958
~~the uniform interstate family support act contained in Chapter~~ 1959
~~3115. of the Revised Code.~~ 1960

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1961
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1962
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1963
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1964
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1965
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1966
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1967
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1968
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1969
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1970
shall fix their duties. 1971

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1972
on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 1973
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1974

receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code.
Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of
those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. ~~The~~

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the
juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling,
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any
magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge
of the judge's various duties.

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence,
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other
statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling,
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes

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

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

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

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

to serve. 2039

(I) In Summit county: 2040

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 2041
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 2042
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2043
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2044
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 2045
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 2046
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 2047
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 2048
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2049
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 2050
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 2051
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 2052
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 2053
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 2054
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 2055
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2056
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 2057
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 2058
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 2059
Revised Code. 2060

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2061
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2062
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2063
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2064
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 2065
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2066
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 2067
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2068
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2069
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2070

of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2071
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2072
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2073
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 2074
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2075
action pending in the division. 2076

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2077
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2078
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2079
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2080
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 2081
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2082
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 2083
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 2084
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 2085
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 2086
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2087
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 2088
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 2089
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 2090
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2091
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 2092
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 2093
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 2094
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2095

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2096
division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 2097
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2098
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2099
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2100
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 2101
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 2102

vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2103
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 2104
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 2105
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2106
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 2107
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 2108
division. 2109

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2110
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2111
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2112
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 2113
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 2114
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 2115
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 2116
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2117
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 2118
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 2119
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2120
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 2121
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2122
pleas. 2123

(K) In Butler county: 2124

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 2125
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 2126
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2127
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2128
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 2129
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 2130
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 2131
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 2132
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2133
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 2134

to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 2135
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 2136
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2137
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2138
division. 2139

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 2140
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 2141
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2142
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 2143
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 2144
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2145
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 2146
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2147
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2148
pending in the division, who request the services. 2149

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 2150
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 2151
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2152
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2153
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 2154
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2155
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2156
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 2157
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2158
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 2159
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2160
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 2161
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2162
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2163
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2164
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2165
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2166

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 2167
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2168
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2169
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2170
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2171
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 2172
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2173
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2174
pending in the division, who request the services. 2175

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2176
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2177
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2178
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 2179
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 2180
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2181

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 2182
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 2183
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 2184
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2185
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 2186
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 2187
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 2188
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 2189
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2190
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 2191
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 2192
reason. 2193

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 2194
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 2195
the following powers concerning division personnel: 2196

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 2197

supervision;	2198
(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.	2199 2200
(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.	2201 2202 2203 2204
(M) In Lake county:	2205
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the division and with the employment and supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations division.	2206 2207 2208 2209 2210 2211 2212 2213 2214 2215 2216 2217 2218 2219
The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the	2220 2221 2222 2223 2224 2225 2226 2227 2228

services. 2229

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2230
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 2231
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2232
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2233
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 2234
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2235
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2236
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 2237
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2238
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2239
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 2240
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2241
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2242
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 2243
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 2244
duties. 2245

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2246
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2247
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2248
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2249
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2250
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2251
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2252
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2253
services. 2254

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2255
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2256
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2257
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 2258
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 2259
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2260

(N) In Erie county: 2261

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2262
on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge whose terms 2263
begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same qualifications, 2264
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 2265
compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of 2266
Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the 2267
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge 2268
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall 2269
be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2270
Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court 2271
has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2272
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some 2273
special reason are assigned to some other judge. 2274

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common 2275
pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge 2276
of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 2277
1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common 2278
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as 2279
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the 2280
powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 2281

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, 2282
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of 2283
the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on 2284
January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of 2285
common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 2286
2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 2287
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 2288
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 2289
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2290
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 2291
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 2292

Revised Code.	2293
(0) In Greene county:	2294
(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins	2295
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same	2296
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and	2297
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of	2298
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated	2299
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic	2300
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of	2301
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support	2302
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases	2303
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special	2304
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common	2305
pleas.	2306
The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division	2307
of the work of the division and with the employment and	2308
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also	2309
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence,	2310
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their	2311
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition	2312
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing,	2313
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal	2314
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling	2315
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary	2316
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether	2317
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the	2318
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from	2319
the overall court budget and shall be included in the	2320
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of	2321
the court of common pleas.	2322
(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins	2323

on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2324
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2325
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2326
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 2327
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 2328
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 2329
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2330
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2331
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 2332
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2333
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2334
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2335
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2336
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2337
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2338

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2339
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2340
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2341
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2342
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2343
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 2344
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 2345
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2346

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2347
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2348
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2349
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 2350
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 2351
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 2352

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2353
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2354
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2355

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2356
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 2357
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2358
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2359
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2360
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2361
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2362
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2363
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2364
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2365
division. 2366

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2367
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2368
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2369
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2370
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2371
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2372
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2373
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2374
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2375
services. 2376

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2377
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2378
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2379
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2380
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2381
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2382
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2383
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2384
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2385
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2386
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2387

division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2388
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2389
division. 2390

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2391
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2392
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2393
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2394
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2395
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2396
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2397
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2398
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2399
services. 2400

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2401
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 2402
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2403
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2404
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 2405
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2406
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2407
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2408
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2409
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2410
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2411
of the work of the division and with the employment and 2412
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2413
division. 2414

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2415
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2416
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2417
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2418
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2419

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2420
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2421
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2422
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2423
services. 2424

(S) In Licking county, the ~~judge~~ judges of the court of 2425
common pleas, whose ~~term begins~~ terms begin on January 1, 1991, 2426
and January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 2427
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2428
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2429
common pleas of Licking county and shall be elected and designated 2430
as ~~judge~~ judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2431
relations. The ~~judge~~ judges shall be assigned all divorce, 2432
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2433
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2434
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2435
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2436
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2437
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2438
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2439
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2440
another judge of the court of common pleas. The administrative 2441
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be charged with 2442
the assignment and division of the work of the division and with 2443
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2444

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2445
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2446
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2447
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2448
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2449
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2450
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2451

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2452
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2453
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2454
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2455
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2456
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 2457
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2458
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2459
pending in the division, who request the services. 2460

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2461
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 2462
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2463
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2464
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 2465
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2466
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2467
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2468
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2469
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2470
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2471
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2472
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2473
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2474
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2475
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2476
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2477
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2478
of the division. 2479

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2480
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2481
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2482
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2483

division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2484
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2485
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2486
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2487
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2488
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2489
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2490
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2491
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2492
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2493
pending in the division, who request the services. 2494

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2495
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2496
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2497
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2498
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 2499
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2500
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2501
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2502
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2503
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2504
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2505
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2506
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2507
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2508
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2509
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2510
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2511
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2512

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2513
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2514
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2515

personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2516
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2517
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2518
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2519
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2520
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2521
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2522
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2523
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2524
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2525
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2526
request the services. 2527

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2528
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2529
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2530
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2531
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 2532
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2533
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2534
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2535
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2536
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2537
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2538
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2539
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2540
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2541
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2542
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 2543
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 2544
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 2545
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 2546
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2547
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 2548

guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 2549
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 2550
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 2551
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 2552
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2553
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2554
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 2555
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2556
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2557
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 2558
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2559
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2560

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 2561
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 2562
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 2563
division. 2564

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2565
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2566
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2567
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2568
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2569
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2570
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2571
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2572
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2573
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2574
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2575
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2576
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2577
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 2578
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 2579
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 2580

in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2581
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 2582
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2583
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 2584
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 2585
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2586
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 2587
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 2588
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 2589
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 2590
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 2591
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 2592
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 2593
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 2594
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 2595
of cases. 2596

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2597
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2598
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2599
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2600
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 2601
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2602
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 2603
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2604
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 2605
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 2606
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 2607
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2608
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 2609
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 2610
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 2611
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 2612
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 2613

division. 2614

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2615
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 2616
services board and the county advisory board. 2617

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2618
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 2619
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 2620
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 2621
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 2622
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 2623
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 2624
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 2625
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 2626
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 2627
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 2628
court. 2629

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2630
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2631
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2632
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2633
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 2634
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2635
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2636
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2637
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2638
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2639
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2640
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2641
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 2642
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 2643
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 2644
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2645

assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2646
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2647

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2648
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2649
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2650
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2651
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2652
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2653
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2654
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2655
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2656
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2657
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2658
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2659
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2660
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2661
request the services. 2662

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 2663
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 2664
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 2665
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2666
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2667
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 2668
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 2669
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2670
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2671
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 2672
the judge's various duties. 2673

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2674
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2675
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2676
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2677

other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 2678
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2679
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2680
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2681
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2682
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2683
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2684
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2685
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2686
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2687
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2688
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2689
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2690
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2691
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2692
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 2693
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 2694
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 2695
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 2696
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 2697
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 2698
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 2699
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2700
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2701
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2702
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2703
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2704
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 2705

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2706
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2707
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2708
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 2709
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2710

regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 2711
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2712
Marion county. 2713

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 2714
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2715
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2716
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 2717
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2718
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2719
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2720
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2721
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2722
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2723
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2724
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2725
common pleas of Marion county. 2726

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2727
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 2728
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2729
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2730
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 2731
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2732
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 2733
~~and hear~~ all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2734
and annulment cases ~~and all proceedings under the uniform~~ 2735
~~interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the~~ 2736
~~Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive~~ 2737
~~original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge shall be~~ 2738
~~assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, visitation,~~ 2739
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2740
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2741
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, and the 2742

designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2743
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2744
proceedings and matters arising from ~~any case pertaining to any of~~ 2745
those ~~matters~~ cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some 2746
special reason are assigned to another judge of the court of 2747
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2748
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2749
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2750

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2751
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2752
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2753
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2754
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2755
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2756
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2757
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2758
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2759
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2760
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2761
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 2762
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2763
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2764
pending in the division, who request the services. 2765

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2766
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 2767
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2768
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 2769
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 2770
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 2771
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 2772
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 2773
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 2774

Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 2775
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2776
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2777
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2778
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2779
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2780
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2781
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 2782
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 2783
other judge of the court of common pleas. 2784

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 2785
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 2786
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2787
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2788
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 2789
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2790
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2791
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2792
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2793
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2794
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2795
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2796
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2797
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2798
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 2799
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2800
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2801
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2802
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 2803
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 2804
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 2805
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 2806

judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 2807
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 2808
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 2809
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2810
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2811
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2812
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2813
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2814
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 2815

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2816
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 2817
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 2818
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 2819
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 2820
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 2821
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2822
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 2823
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 2824
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 2825
to the domestic relations cases. 2826

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 2827
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2828
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2829
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 2830
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2831
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2832
division" and the "judge of the domestic 2833
relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2834
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 2835
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 2836
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 2837
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 2838

the court of common pleas of Logan county. 2839

(DD) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2840
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2841
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2842
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2843
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2844
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2845
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2846
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2847
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2848

Sec. 4705.07. (A) No person who is not licensed to practice 2849
law in this state shall do ~~either~~ any of the following: 2850

(1) Hold that person out in any manner as an attorney at law; 2851

(2) Represent that person orally or in writing, directly or 2852
indirectly, as being authorized to practice law; 2853

(3) Commit any act that is prohibited by the supreme court as 2854
being the unauthorized practice of law. 2855

(B)(1) The use of "lawyer," "attorney at law," "counselor at 2856
law," "law," "law office," or other equivalent words by any person 2857
who is not licensed to practice law, in connection with that 2858
person's own name, or any sign, advertisement, card, letterhead, 2859
circular, or other writing, document, or design, the evident 2860
purpose of which is to induce others to believe that person to be 2861
an attorney, constitutes holding out within the meaning of 2862
division (A)(1) of this section. 2863

(2) Only the supreme court may make a determination that any 2864
person has committed the unauthorized practice of law in violation 2865
of division (A)(3) of this section. 2866

(C)(1) If necessary to serve the public interest and 2867
consistent with the rules of the supreme court, any person who is 2868

authorized to bring a claim before the supreme court that alleges 2869
the unauthorized practice of law in violation of division (A)(3) 2870
of this section may make a motion to the supreme court to seek 2871
interim relief prior to the final resolution of the person's 2872
claim. 2873

(2) Any person who is damaged by another person who commits a 2874
violation of division (A)(3) of this section may commence a civil 2875
action to recover actual damages from the person who commits the 2876
violation, upon a finding by the supreme court that the other 2877
person has committed an act that is prohibited by the supreme 2878
court as being the unauthorized practice of law in violation of 2879
that division. The court in which that action for damages is 2880
commenced is bound by the determination of the supreme court 2881
regarding the unauthorized practice of law and shall not make any 2882
additional determinations regarding the unauthorized practice of 2883
law. The court in which the action for damages is commenced shall 2884
consider all of the following in awarding damages to a person 2885
under division (C)(2) of this section: 2886

(a) The extent to which the fee paid for the services that 2887
constitute the unauthorized practice of law in violation of 2888
division (A)(3) of this section exceeds the reasonable fees 2889
charged by licensed attorneys in the area in which the violation 2890
occurred; 2891

(b) The costs incurred in paying for legal advice to correct 2892
any inadequacies in the services that constitute the unauthorized 2893
practice of law in violation of division (A)(3) of this section; 2894

(c) Any other damages proximately caused by the failure of 2895
the person performing the services that constitute the 2896
unauthorized practice of law to have the license to practice law 2897
in this state that is required to perform the services; 2898

(d) Any reasonable attorney's fees that are incurred in 2899

bringing the civil action under division (C)(1) or (2) of this section. 2900
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(3) Divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section apply, and may be utilized, only regarding acts that are the unauthorized practice of law in violation of division (A)(3) of this section and that occur on or after the effective date of this amendment. 2902
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Sec. 4705.99. Whoever violates division (A)(1) or (2) of 2906
section 4705.07 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of 2907
the first degree. 2908

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 2909
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.34, 1907.11, 2151.23, 2301.02, 2301.03, 2910
4705.07, and 4705.99 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2911

Section 3. The part-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal 2912
Court who was elected in 1999 shall remain the part-time judge of 2913
the Napoleon Municipal Court until the end of the judge's term. 2914
The full-time judge of the Napoleon Municipal Court who is elected 2915
in 2005 shall be the successor to the part-time judge of that 2916
court who was elected in 1999. 2917

Section 4. Effective January 1, 2005, the Darke County County 2918
Court is abolished. All causes, judgments, executions, and other 2919
proceedings pending in the Darke County County Court at the close 2920
of business as of December 31, 2004, shall be transferred to and 2921
proceed in the Darke County Municipal Court as if originally 2922
instituted in the Darke County Municipal Court. Parties to those 2923
causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings may make any 2924
amendments to their pleadings that are required to conform them to 2925
the rules of the Darke County Municipal Court. The Clerk of the 2926
Darke County County Court or other custodian shall transfer to the 2927
Darke County Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, 2928

dockets, bonds, papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, 2929
property, and persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or 2930
are subject to the jurisdiction of the Darke County County Court, 2931
or any officer of that court, at the close of business on December 2932
31, 2004, and that pertain to those causes, judgments, executions, 2933
and proceedings. 2934

Effective January 1, 2005, the two part-time judgeships in 2935
the Darke County County Court are abolished. 2936

Section 5. Notwithstanding section 1907.11 of the Revised 2937
Code, no judge of the Darke County County Court shall be elected 2938
in 2004. 2939

Section 6. (A) Except as provided in sections 3513.08 and 2940
3513.257 of the Revised Code, candidates for election in 2004 to 2941
the court of common pleas judgeship in the Licking County Court of 2942
Common Pleas created by this act shall be nominated only by 2943
petition. The petition shall be filed not later than four p.m. of 2944
the seventy-fifth day preceding the general election at which the 2945
judge is to be elected. Nominations for successors to the judge 2946
elected in 2004 shall be made in accordance with the Revised Code. 2947

(B) Except as provided in sections 3513.08 and 3513.257 of 2948
the Revised Code, candidates for election in 2004 to the court of 2949
common pleas judgeship in the Franklin County Court of Common 2950
Pleas created by this act shall be nominated only by petition. The 2951
petition shall be filed not later than four p.m. on the 2952
seventy-fifth day preceding the general election at which the 2953
judge is to be elected. Nominations for successors to the judge 2954
elected in 2004 shall be made in accordance with the Revised Code. 2955

Section 7. The General Assembly hereby declares that its 2956
intent in amending division (AA) of section 2301.03 of the Revised 2957

Code in Sections 1 and 2 of this act is to clarify the 2958
jurisdiction and the administration of the Division of Domestic 2959
Relations of the Muskingum County Court of Common Pleas, that it 2960
does not believe that the amendments so made to that division are 2961
substantive in nature, and that it believes that the version of 2962
that division resulting from this act is substantively the same as 2963
the version of that division in existence immediately prior to the 2964
effective date of this act. 2965

Section 8. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is presented 2966
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by Sub. H.B. 2967
26, Am. Sub. H.B. 86 (effective January 1, 2004), and Am. Sub. 2968
H.B. 95 (effective January 1, 2004), all of the 125th General 2969
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 2970
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 2971
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 2972
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 2973
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 2974
as presented in this act. 2975

Section 9. Sections 4705.07 and 4705.99 of the Revised Code, 2976
as amended by Sections 1 and 2 of this act, shall take effect 2977
ninety days after the effective date of this act. 2978

Section 10. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2979
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2980
peace, health, and safety. The reasons for the necessity are that 2981
the additional judgeships for the Licking County Court of Common 2982
Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, and for the Franklin County 2983
Court of Common Pleas are necessary for the efficient 2984
administration of justice in Licking County and Franklin County, 2985
respectively, and that candidates for the judgeships need to be 2986
assured that they will have adequate time to obtain the necessary 2987

signatures for nominating petitions for the 2004 election and that	2988
the creation of the Darke County Municipal Court is necessary for	2989
the efficient administration of justice in Darke County and that	2990
the electors of Darke County need to be assured of the	2991
establishment of the Darke County Municipal Court before the last	2992
day is reached for filing nominating petitions for the part-time	2993
judge of the Darke County County Court now scheduled to be elected	2994
in 2004. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.	2995