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To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03, and 1
3501.38 and to enact sections 2101.023 and 2
2101.024 of the Revised Code to add one judge to 3
the Erie County Court of Common Pleas, to 4
reallocate jurisdictional responsibilities of 5
current judges of the Erie County Court of Common 6
Pleas, to create the Domestic 7
Relations-Juvenile-Probate Division of the Logan 8
County Court of Common Pleas and to add one judge 9
to the Logan County Court of Common Pleas to be 10
elected in 2004, to specify that a board of 11
elections may not invalidate a petition on the 12
ground that its form does not satisfy statutory 13
requirements, if the board originally distributed 14
the petition form and, at the time of 15
distribution, it did not satisfy statutory 16
requirements, and to amend the version of section 17
2301.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to 18
take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the 19
provisions of this act on and after that effective 20
date, and to declare an emergency. 21

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03, and 22
3501.38 be amended and sections 2101.023 and 2101.024 of the 23
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 24

Sec. 2101.023. The judge of the court of common pleas of Erie 25
county who is elected in 2008, and successors, is the successor to 26
the judge of the probate division of that court whose term expires 27
on February 8, 2009, shall be designated as a judge of the court 28
of common pleas, general division, shall have all the powers 29
relating to the general division of the court of common pleas of 30
Erie county, shall be the clerk of the probate court, and shall 31
exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the other judges of the 32
general division of the court of common pleas of Erie county over 33
matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate division 34
of that court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 35
Revised Code and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 36
the general division of that court, as set forth in division 37
(N)(2) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 38

Sec. 2101.024. Effective January 2, 2005, the probate judge 39
of the court of common pleas of Logan county shall have all the 40
powers relating to the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 41
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county, as 42
established pursuant to division (CC)(1) of section 2301.03 of the 43
Revised Code, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the 44
judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of the 45
court of common pleas of Logan county over matters that are within 46
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 47
division, as set forth in division (CC)(1) of section 2301.03 of 48
the Revised Code. 49

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record within 50
the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall 51
exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. 52
and 2152. of the Revised Code. 53

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, is 54
absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 55
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the request 56
of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding judge of the 57
court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(CC)~~(DD) of section 58
2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge of any division 59
of the court of common pleas of the county to act in the juvenile 60
judge's place or in conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no 61
judge of the court of common pleas is available for that purpose, 62
the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge of the 63
court of common pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a 64
different county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in 65
conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 66
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 67
provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 68
common pleas. 69

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 70
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 71
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 72
shall be as follows: 73

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 74
elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 75

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 76
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term 77
to begin February 9, 1955; 78

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 79

begin January 9, 1957;	80
In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin,	81
Jackson, Knox, Logan , Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morrow, Paulding,	82
Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956,	83
term to begin January 1, 1957;	84
<u>In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term</u>	85
<u>to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to</u>	86
<u>begin January 2, 2005;</u>	87
In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway,	88
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be	89
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	90
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in	91
1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	92
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	93
to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin	94
January 1, 2005;	95
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to	96
begin May 9, 1957;	97
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	98
begin May 14, 1953;	99
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	100
begin July 6, 1956;	101
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	102
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	103
term to begin January 1, 1979;	104
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	105
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958,	106
term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in	107
1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	108
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	109

term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to 110
begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to 111
begin January 2, 1979; 112

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 113
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 114
begin July 1, 1991; 115

In Erie county, ~~two~~ four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 116
term to begin January 1, 1957, ~~and~~ the second to be elected in 117
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 118
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected 119
in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 120

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 121
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 122
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 123
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 124

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 125
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 126
term to begin January 6, 1977; 127

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 128
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 129
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, 130
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 131
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 132

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 133
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 134
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 135

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 136
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 137
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 138

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 139

term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 140
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 141
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 142

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 143
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 144
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 145
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 146

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 147
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to 148
begin on January 1, 1971; 149

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 150
term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to 151
begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to 152
begin January 2, 2003; 153

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 154
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 155
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 156
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 157

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 158
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 159
term to begin January 1, 1977; 160

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 161
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 162
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 163
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 164

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 165
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 166
term to begin January 2, 1987; 167

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 168
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 169

term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, 170
term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 171
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 172

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 173
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 174
to begin January 1, 1987; 175

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 176
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 177
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 178
term to begin January 1, 1991; 179

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 180
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 181
respectively; 182

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 183
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 184
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 185
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 186
to begin January 2, 1995. 187

In Clermont county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 188
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 189
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 190
term to begin January 2, 1983, and the fourth to be elected in 191
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 192

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 193
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 194
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 195

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 196
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 197
term to begin January 1, 1995; 198

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 199

to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 200
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 201
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 202
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 203
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 204
2001; 205

In Licking county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 206
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 207
begin January 1, 1965, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 208
begin January 1, 1991; 209

In Lorain county, eight judges, two to be elected in 1952, 210
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 211
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 212
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 213
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 214
1989, respectively, and two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 215
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; 216

In Butler county, ten judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 217
to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to 218
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to 219
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be 220
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected 221
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, 222
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 223
1993; and two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 224
2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; 225

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 226
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 227
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968, 228
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 229
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 230

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	231
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	232
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	233
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	234
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to	235
begin January 2, 1969;	236
In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952,	237
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954,	238
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956,	239
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964,	240
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976,	241
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in	242
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995;	243
(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be	244
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from	245
January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	246
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on	247
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8,	248
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1,	249
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to	250
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two	251
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January	252
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on	253
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on	254
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12,	255
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18,	256
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in	257
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977,	258
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin	259
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to	260
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January	261
14, 1987, respectively;	262

In Franklin county, twenty-one judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997;

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

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

begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 295
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 296
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 297
1993; 298

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 299
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 300
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 301
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 302
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 303
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 304
1991; 305

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 306
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 307
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 308
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, July 2, 1953, 309
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 310
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 311
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 312
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 313
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 314
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 315
1, 1993. 316

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 317
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 318
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 319
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 320
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 321
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 322
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 323

In Summit county, eleven judges; four to be elected in 1954, 324
terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 1955, 325
and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 1958, 326

terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 1959, 327
respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 4, 328
1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 5, 1969; 329
one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; and one to 330
be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993. 331

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 332
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 333
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 334
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 335
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 336
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 337
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 338
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 339
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 340
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 341
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 342
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 343
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 344
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 345

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 346
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 347
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 348
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Morrow, Noble, and 349
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 350
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the 351
probate division. 352

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 353
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 354
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 355
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 356
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 357

other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 358
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 359
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 360
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 361
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 362
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 363
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 364
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 365
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 366
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 367
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 368
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 369
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(B) In Hamilton county: 371

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 372
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 373
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 374
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 375
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 376
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 377

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 378
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 379
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 380
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 381
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 382
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 383
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 384
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 385
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 386
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 387
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 388

unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 389
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 390
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 391
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 392
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 393
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 394
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 395
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 396
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 397
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 398
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 399

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 400
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 401
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 402
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 403
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 404
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 405
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 406
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 407
discharge of their various duties. 408

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 409
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 410
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 411
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 412
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 413
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 414
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 415
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 416
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 417
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 418
action pending in the division. 419

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 420

of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 421
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 422
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 423
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 424
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 425
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 426
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 427
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 428
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 429
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 430
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 431

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 432
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 433
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 434
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 435
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 436

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 437
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 438
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 439
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 440
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 441
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 442
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 443
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 444
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 445
in the case involved. 446

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 447
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successor to that 448
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall each be elected 449
and designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the 450
court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The successors to the 451
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected and 452

designated as judges of the general division of the court of 453
common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority 454
granted by division (B)(3) of this section. The drug court judge 455
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 456
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 457
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 458
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 459
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 460
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 461
pronounce and enter sentence. 462

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 463
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 464
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 465
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 466
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 467
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 468
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 469
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 470
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 471
term of probation to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court 472
judge accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 473
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 474

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 475
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 476
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 477
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 478
following apply: 479

(a) One of the following applies: 480

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 481
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 482
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 483
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 484

offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 485

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 486
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 487
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 488
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 489
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 490
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 491
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 492

(b) All of the following apply: 493

(i) The case involves a probationable offense or a case in 494
which a mandatory prison term is not required to be imposed. 495

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 496

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 497

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 498
drug or alcohol driven. 499

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 500
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 501

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 502

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 503
approves of the referral. 504

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 505
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 506
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 507
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 508
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 509
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 510
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 511
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 512
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 513
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 514

the drug court judge. 515

(C) In Lorain county, the judges of the court of common pleas 516
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 517
2, 1999, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 518
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 519
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 520
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 521
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 522
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 523
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 524
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 525
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 526
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 527
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 528
judge of the court of common pleas. 529

(D) In Lucas county: 530

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 531
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 532
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 533
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 534
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 535
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 536
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 537
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 538

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 539
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 540
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 541
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 542
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 543
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 544

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 545

on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 546
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 547
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 548
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 549
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 550
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 551
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 552
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 553
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 554
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 555
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 556
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 557
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 558
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 559
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 560
the discharge of their various duties. 561

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 562
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 563
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 564
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 565
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 566
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 567
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 568
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 569
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 570
action pending in the division. 571

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 572
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 573
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 574
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 575
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 576
the judges of the other of those divisions. 577

(E) In Mahoning county: 578

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 579
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 580
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 581
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 582
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 583
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 584
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 585
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 586
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 587
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 588
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 589
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 590
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 591
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 592
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 593
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 594
the various duties of the judge's office. 595

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 596
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 597
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 598
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 599
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 600
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 601
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 602
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 603
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 604
action pending in the division. 605

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 606
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 607
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 608
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 609

common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 610
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 611
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 612
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 613
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 614
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 615
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 616
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 617
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 618
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 619
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 620
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 621

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 622
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 623
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 624
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 625
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 626
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 627
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 628
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 629
action pending in the division. 630

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 631
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 632
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 633
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 634
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 635
common pleas. 636

(F) In Montgomery county: 637

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 638
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 639
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 640
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 641

the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 642
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 643
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 644
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 645
and annulment cases. 646

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 647
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 648
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 649
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 650
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 651
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 652
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 653
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 654
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 655
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 656
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 657
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 658
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 659

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 660
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 661
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 662
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 663
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 664
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 665
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 666
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 667
Revised Code. 668

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 669
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 670
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 671
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 672
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 673

juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 674
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 675
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 676
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 677
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 678
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 679
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 680
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 681
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 682
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 683
division. 684

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 685
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 686
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 687
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 688
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 689
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 690

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common 691
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall 692
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 693
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 694
judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall 695
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 696
division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 697
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 698
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 699
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 700
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 701
shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some 702
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 703
common pleas. 704

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 705

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.

(I) In Summit county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin

on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 738
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 739
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 740
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 741
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 742
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 743
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 744
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 745
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 746
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 747
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 748
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 749
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 750
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 751
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 752
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 753
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 754
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 755
Revised Code. 756

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 757
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 758
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 759
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 760
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 761
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 762
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 763
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 764
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 765
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 766
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 767
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 768
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 769
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 770

upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 771
action pending in the division. 772

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 773
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 774
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 775
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 776
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 777
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 778
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 779
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 780
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 781
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 782
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 783
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 784
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 785
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 786
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 787
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 788
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 789
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 790
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 791

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 792
division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 793
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 794
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 795
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 796
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 797
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 798
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 799
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 800
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 801
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 802

conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 803
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 804
division. 805

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 806
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 807
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 808
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 809
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 810
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 811
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 812
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 813
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 814
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 815
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 816
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 817
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 818
pleas. 819

(K) In Butler county: 820

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 821
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 822
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 823
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 824
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 825
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 826
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 827
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 828
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 829
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 830
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 831
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 832
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 833
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 834

division. 835

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 836
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 837
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 838
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 839
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 840
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 841
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 842
conciliation services that the division makes available to 843
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 844
pending in the division, who request the services. 845

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 846
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 847
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 848
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 849
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 850
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 851
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 852
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 853
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 854
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 855
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 856
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 857
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 858
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 859
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 860
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 861
discharge of the judge's various duties. 862

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 863
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 864
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 865
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 866

other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 867
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 868
conciliation services that the division makes available to 869
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 870
pending in the division, who request the services. 871

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 872
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 873
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 874
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 875
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 876
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 877

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 878
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 879
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 880
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 881
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 882
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 883
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 884
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 885
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 886
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 887
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 888
reason. 889

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 890
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 891
the following powers concerning division personnel: 892

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 893
supervision; 894

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 895
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 896

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 897

engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 898
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 899
and annulment matters. 900

(M) In Lake county: 901

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 902
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 903
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 904
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 905
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 906
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 907
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 908
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 909
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 910
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 911
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 912
of the work of the division and with the employment and 913
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 914
division. 915

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 916
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 917
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 918
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 919
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 920
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 921
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 922
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 923
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 924
services. 925

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 926
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 927
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 928
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 929

common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 930
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 931
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 932
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 933
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 934
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 935
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 936
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 937
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 938
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 939
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 940
duties. 941

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 942
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 943
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 944
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 945
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 946
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 947
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 948
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 949
services. 950

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 951
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 952
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 953
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 954
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 955
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 956

(N) In Erie county, ~~the:~~ 957

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 958
on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge whose terms 959
begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same qualifications, 960
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 961

compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of 962
Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the 963
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge 964
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall 965
be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 966
Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court 967
has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 968
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some 969
special reason are assigned to some other judge. 970

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common 971
pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge 972
of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 973
1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common 974
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as 975
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the 976
powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 977

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, 978
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of 979
the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on 980
January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of 981
common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 982
2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 983
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 984
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 985
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 986
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 987
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 988
Revised Code. 989

(0) In Greene county: 990

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 991
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 992
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 993

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 994
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 995
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 996
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 997
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 998
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 999
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1000
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1001
pleas. 1002

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1003
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1004
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1005
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1006
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1007
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1008
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1009
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1010
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1011
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1012
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1013
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1014
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1015
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1016
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 1017
the court of common pleas. 1018

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1019
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1020
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1021
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1022
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 1023
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 1024
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 1025

Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1026
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1027
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 1028
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1029
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1030
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1031
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1032
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1033
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1034

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1035
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1036
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1037
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1038
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1039
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 1040
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1041
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1042

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1043
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1044
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1045
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 1046
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 1047
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 1048

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1049
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1050
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1051
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1052
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 1053
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1054
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1055
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1056
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1057

special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1058
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1059
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1060
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1061
division. 1062

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1063
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1064
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1065
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1066
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1067
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1068
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1069
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1070
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1071
services. 1072

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1073
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1074
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1075
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1076
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1077
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1078
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1079
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1080
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1081
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1082
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1083
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1084
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1085
division. 1086

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1087
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1088
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1089

of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1090
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1091
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1092
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1093
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1094
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1095
services. 1096

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1097
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1098
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1099
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1100
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1101
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1102
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1103
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1104
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1105
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1106
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1107
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1108
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1109
division. 1110

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1111
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1112
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1113
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1114
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1115
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1116
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1117
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1118
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1119
services. 1120

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 1121

pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 1122
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1123
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1124
judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 1125
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1126
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1127
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1128
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1129
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1130
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1131
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1132
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1133
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1134
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1135
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1136
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1137
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1138
of the division. 1139

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1140
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1141
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1142
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1143
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1144
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1145
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1146
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1147
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1148
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1149
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1150
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1151
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1152
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1153
pending in the division, who request the services. 1154

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1155
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1156
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1157
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1158
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1159
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1160
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1161
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1162
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1163
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1164
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1165
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1166
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1167
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1168
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1169
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1170
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1171
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1172
of the division. 1173

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1174
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1175
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1176
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1177
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1178
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1179
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1180
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1181
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1182
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1183
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1184
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1185
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1186

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1187
pending in the division, who request the services. 1188

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1189
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1190
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1191
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1192
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1193
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1194
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1195
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1196
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1197
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1198
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1199
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1200
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1201
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1202
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1203
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1204
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1205
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1206

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1207
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1208
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1209
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1210
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1211
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1212
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1213
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1214
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1215
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1216
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1217
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1218

that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1219
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1220
request the services. 1221

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1222
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1223
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1224
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1225
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1226
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1227
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1228
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1229
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1230
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1231
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1232
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1233
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1234
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1235
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1236
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1237
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1238
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1239
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1240
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1241
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1242
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1243
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1244
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1245
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1246
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1247
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1248
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1249
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1250
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1251

Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1252
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1253
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1254

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1255
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1256
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1257
division. 1258

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1259
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1260
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1261
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1262
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1263
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1264
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1265
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1266
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1267
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1268
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1269
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1270
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1271
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1272
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1273
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1274
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1275
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1276
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1277
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1278
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1279
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1280
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1281
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1282
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1283

Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1284
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1285
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1286
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1287
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1288
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1289
of cases. 1290

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1291
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1292
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1293
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1294
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1295
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1296
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1297
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1298
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 1299
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 1300
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 1301
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1302
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 1303
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 1304
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 1305
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 1306
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 1307
division. 1308

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1309
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1310
services board and the county advisory board. 1311

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1312
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1313
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1314
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1315

volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1316
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1317
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1318
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1319
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1320
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1321
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1322
court. 1323

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1324
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1325
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1326
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1327
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1328
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1329
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1330
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1331
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1332
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1333
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1334
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1335
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1336
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1337
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1338
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1339
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1340
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1341

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1342
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1343
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1344
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1345
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1346
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1347

legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1348
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1349
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1350
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1351
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1352
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1353
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1354
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1355
request the services. 1356

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1357
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1358
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1359
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1360
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1361
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1362
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1363
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1364
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1365
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1366
the judge's various duties. 1367

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1368
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1369
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1370
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1371
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1372
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1373
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1374
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1375
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1376
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1377
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1378
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1379

separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1380
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1381
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1382
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1383
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1384
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1385
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1386
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 1387
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 1388
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 1389
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 1390
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 1391
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 1392
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 1393
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1394
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1395
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1396
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1397
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1398
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1399

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1400
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1401
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1402
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1403
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1404
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1405
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1406
Marion county. 1407

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1408
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1409
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1410
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1411

division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1412
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1413
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1414
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1415
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1416
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1417
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1418
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1419
common pleas of Marion county. 1420

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1421
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1422
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1423
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1424
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1425
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1426
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 1427
and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1428
and annulment cases and all proceedings under the uniform 1429
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 1430
Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive 1431
original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge shall be 1432
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, visitation, 1433
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1434
responsibilities for the care of children, and the designation for 1435
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and all 1436
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 1437
those matters. 1438

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1439
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 1440
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1441
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1442
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 1443

and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1444
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1445
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 1446
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 1447
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1448
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1449
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1450
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1451
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1452
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1453
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1454
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 1455
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 1456
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1457

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1458
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1459
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1460
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1461
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 1462
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1463
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1464
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1465
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1466
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1467
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1468
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1469
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1470
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1471
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1472
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1473
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1474
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1475
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1476

provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 1477
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1478
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 1479
judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 1480
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 1481
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 1482
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1483
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1484
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1485
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1486
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1487
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 1488

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1489
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1490
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 1491
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 1492
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 1493
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 1494
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1495
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 1496
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 1497
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 1498
to the domestic relations cases. 1499

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1500
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1501
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1502
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 1503
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1504
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1505
division" and the "judge of the domestic 1506
relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 1507
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1508

shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1509
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 1510
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 1511
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1512

(DD) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1513
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1514
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1515
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1516
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 1517
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 1518
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 1519
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 1520
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1521

Sec. 3501.38. All declarations of candidacy, nominating 1522
petitions, or other petitions presented to or filed with the 1523
secretary of state or a board of elections or with any other 1524
public office for the purpose of becoming a candidate for any 1525
nomination or office or for the holding of an election on any 1526
issue shall, in addition to meeting the other specific 1527
requirements prescribed in the sections of the Revised Code 1528
relating to them, be governed by the following rules: 1529

(A) Only electors qualified to vote on the candidacy or issue 1530
which is the subject of the petition shall sign a petition. Each 1531
signer shall be a registered elector pursuant to section 3503.11 1532
of the Revised Code. The facts of qualification shall be 1533
determined as of the date when the petition is filed. 1534

(B) Signatures shall be affixed in ink. Each signer may also 1535
print the signer's name, so as to clearly identify the signer's 1536
signature. 1537

(C) Each signer shall place on the petition after the 1538

signer's name the date of signing and the location of the signer's 1539
voting residence, including the street and number if in a 1540
municipal corporation or the rural route number, post office 1541
address, or township if outside a municipal corporation. The 1542
voting address given on the petition shall be the address 1543
appearing in the registration records at the board of elections. 1544

(D) No person shall write any name other than the person's 1545
own on any petition. No person may authorize another to sign for 1546
the person. Where a petition contains the signature of an elector 1547
two or more times, only the first signature shall be counted. 1548

(E) On each petition paper, the circulator shall indicate the 1549
number of signatures contained on it, and shall sign a statement 1550
made under penalty of election falsification that the circulator 1551
witnessed the affixing of every signature, that all signers were 1552
to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief qualified to 1553
sign, and that every signature is to the best of the circulator's 1554
knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature 1555
it purports to be. 1556

(F) If a circulator knowingly permits an unqualified person 1557
to sign a petition paper or permits a person to write a name other 1558
than the person's own on a petition paper, that petition paper is 1559
invalid; otherwise, the signature of a person not qualified to 1560
sign shall be rejected but shall not invalidate the other valid 1561
signatures on the paper. 1562

(G) The circulator of a petition may, before filing it in a 1563
public office, strike from it any signature the circulator does 1564
not wish to present as a part of the petition. 1565

(H) Any signer of a petition may remove the signer's 1566
signature from that petition at any time before the petition is 1567
filed in a public office by striking the signer's name from the 1568
petition; no signature may be removed after the petition is filed 1569

in any public office. 1570

(I)(1) No alterations, corrections, or additions may be made 1571
to a petition after it is filed in a public office. 1572

(2) No petition may be withdrawn after it is filed in a 1573
public office. Nothing in this division prohibits a person from 1574
withdrawing as a candidate as otherwise provided by law. 1575

(J) All declarations of candidacy, nominating petitions, or 1576
other petitions under this section shall be accompanied by the 1577
following statement in boldface capital letters: WHOEVER COMMITS 1578
ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE. 1579

(K) All separate petition papers shall be filed at the same 1580
time, as one instrument. 1581

(L) If a board of elections distributes for use a petition 1582
form for a declaration of candidacy, nominating petition, 1583
declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, or any type of 1584
question or issue petition that does not satisfy the requirements 1585
of law as of the date of that distribution, the board shall not 1586
invalidate the petition on the basis that the petition form does 1587
not satisfy the requirements of law, if the petition otherwise is 1588
valid. Division (L) of this section applies only if the candidate 1589
received the petition from the board within ninety days of when 1590
the petition is required to be filed. 1591

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03, 1592
and 3501.38 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1593

Section 3. That the version of section 2301.03 of the Revised 1594
Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, be amended 1595
to read as follows: 1596

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 1597
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1598

1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, 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 Franklin 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
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage,
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them.
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments.

(B) In Hamilton county:

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the

division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 1630
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 1631
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 1632
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 1633
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 1634
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 1635
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 1636
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 1637
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 1638
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 1639
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 1640
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 1641
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1642
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 1643

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 1644
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 1645
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1646
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1647
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1648
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1649
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1650
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 1651
discharge of their various duties. 1652

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1653
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1654
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1655
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1656
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1657
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 1658
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 1659
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1660
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1661

requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1662
action pending in the division. 1663

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 1664
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 1665
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 1666
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 1667
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 1668
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1669
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 1670
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 1671
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 1672
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 1673
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 1674
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 1675

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 1676
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 1677
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 1678
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 1679
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 1680

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1681
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 1682
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 1683
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 1684
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 1685
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 1686
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 1687
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 1688
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 1689
in the case involved. 1690

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 1691
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successor to that 1692
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall each be elected 1693

and designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the 1694
court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The successors to the 1695
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected and 1696
designated as judges of the general division of the court of 1697
common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority 1698
granted by division (B)(3) of this section. The drug court judge 1699
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 1700
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 1701
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 1702
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 1703
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 1704
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 1705
pronounce and enter sentence. 1706

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1707
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 1708
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 1709
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 1710
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 1711
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 1712
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 1713
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 1714
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 1715
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 1716
and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 1717
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 1718
the case. 1719

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 1720
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 1721
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 1722
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 1723
following apply: 1724

(a) One of the following applies: 1725

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1726
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 1727
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1728
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1729
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 1730

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 1731
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 1732
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 1733
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 1734
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 1735
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 1736
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 1737

(b) All of the following apply: 1738

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 1739
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory 1740
prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be 1741
imposed. 1742

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 1743

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 1744

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 1745
drug or alcohol driven. 1746

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 1747
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 1748

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 1749

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 1750
approves of the referral. 1751

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 1752
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 1753
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 1754
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 1755

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.

(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.

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

(D) In Lucas county:

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

domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1788
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1789

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1790
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 1791
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 1792
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 1793
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1794
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 1795

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1796
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 1797
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1798
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1799
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 1800
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1801
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1802
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1803
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 1804
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1805
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 1806
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 1807
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 1808
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1809
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1810
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 1811
the discharge of their various duties. 1812

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1813
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 1814
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 1815
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 1816
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1817
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 1818
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1819

conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1820
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1821
action pending in the division. 1822

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1823
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1824
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1825
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1826
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1827
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1828

(E) In Mahoning county: 1829

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1830
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1831
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1832
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1833
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1834
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1835
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1836
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1837
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1838
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1839
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1840
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1841
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1842
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1843
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1844
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1845
the various duties of the judge's office. 1846

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1847
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1848
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1849
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1850
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1851

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1852
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 1853
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1854
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1855
action pending in the division. 1856

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1857
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1858
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1859
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1860
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1861
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1862
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1863
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1864
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1865
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1866
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 1867
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1868
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1869
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 1870
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 1871
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1872

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1873
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1874
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1875
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1876
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1877
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1878
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1879
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1880
action pending in the division. 1881

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1882
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1883

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1884
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1885
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 1886
common pleas. 1887

(F) In Montgomery county: 1888

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1889
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 1890
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1891
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1892
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1893
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1894
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1895
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1896
and annulment cases. 1897

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1898
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 1899
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 1900
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 1901
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1902
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1903
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 1904
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 1905
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 1906
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1907
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 1908
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1909
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 1910

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1911
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1912
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1913
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1914
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 1915

and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1916
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 1917
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1918
Revised Code. 1919

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1920
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1921
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1922
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1923
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1924
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1925
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1926
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1927
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1928
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1929
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1930
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1931
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1932
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1933
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1934
division. 1935

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1936
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1937
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1938
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1939
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1940
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1941

(G) In Richland county, the judge of the court of common 1942
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall 1943
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1944
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1945
judges of the court of common pleas of Richland county and shall 1946
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1947

division of domestic relations. That judge shall have all of the 1948
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1949
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 1950
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1951
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1952
shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some 1953
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1954
common pleas. 1955

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1956
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1957
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1958
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1959
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 1960
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1961
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1962
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1963
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1964
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1965
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1966
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 1967
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 1968
be assigned to the judges. 1969

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 1970
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1971
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1972
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1973
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1974
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1975

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1976
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1977
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 1978
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 1979

work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1980
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 1981
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 1982
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 1983
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 1984
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 1985
to serve. 1986

(I) In Summit county: 1987

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1988
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 1989
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1990
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1991
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 1992
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1993
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1994
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 1995
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1996
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 1997
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 1998
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 1999
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 2000
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 2001
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 2002
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2003
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 2004
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 2005
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 2006
Revised Code. 2007

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 2008
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 2009
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 2010
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2011

personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 2012
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2013
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 2014
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2015
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2016
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2017
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2018
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2019
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2020
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 2021
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 2022
action pending in the division. 2023

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2024
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 2025
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2026
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2027
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 2028
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2029
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 2030
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 2031
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 2032
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 2033
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 2034
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 2035
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 2036
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 2037
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 2038
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 2039
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 2040
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 2041
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 2042

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 2043

division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 2044
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 2045
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 2046
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 2047
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 2048
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 2049
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2050
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 2051
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 2052
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 2053
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 2054
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 2055
division. 2056

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 2057
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 2058
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2059
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 2060
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 2061
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 2062
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 2063
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2064
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 2065
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 2066
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2067
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 2068
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2069
pleas. 2070

(K) In Butler county: 2071

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 2072
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 2073
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2074
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2075

the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 2076
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 2077
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 2078
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 2079
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2080
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 2081
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 2082
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 2083
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2084
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2085
division. 2086

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 2087
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 2088
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2089
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 2090
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 2091
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2092
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 2093
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2094
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2095
pending in the division, who request the services. 2096

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 2097
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 2098
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2099
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2100
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 2101
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2102
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 2103
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 2104
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2105
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 2106
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2107

its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 2108
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2109
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2110
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2111
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2112
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2113

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 2114
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 2115
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 2116
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 2117
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 2118
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 2119
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2120
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2121
pending in the division, who request the services. 2122

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2123
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2124
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2125
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 2126
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 2127
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2128

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 2129
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 2130
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 2131
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2132
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 2133
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 2134
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 2135
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 2136
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2137
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 2138
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 2139

reason.	2140
(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has the following powers concerning division personnel:	2141 2142 2143
(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision;	2144 2145
(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.	2146 2147
(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.	2148 2149 2150 2151
(M) In Lake county:	2152
(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.	2153 2154 2155 2156 2157 2158 2159 2160 2161 2162 2163 2164 2165 2166
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	2167 2168 2169 2170

include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2171
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2172
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2173
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2174
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2175
services. 2176

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2177
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 2178
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2179
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2180
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 2181
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 2182
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2183
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 2184
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 2185
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 2186
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 2187
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 2188
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 2189
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 2190
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 2191
duties. 2192

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2193
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2194
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2195
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2196
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2197
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2198
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2199
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2200
services. 2201

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2202

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 2203
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 2204
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 2205
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 2206
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 2207

(N) In Erie county, ~~the~~: 2208

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2209
on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge whose terms 2210
begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same qualifications, 2211
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 2212
compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of 2213
Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the 2214
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge 2215
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall 2216
be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2217
Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court 2218
has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2219
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some 2220
special reason are assigned to some other judge. 2221

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common 2222
pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge 2223
of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 2224
1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common 2225
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as 2226
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the 2227
powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 2228

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, 2229
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of 2230
the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on 2231
January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of 2232
common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 2233
2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 2234

all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 2235
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 2236
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2237
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 2238
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 2239
Revised Code. 2240

(0) In Greene county: 2241

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2242
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 2243
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2244
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2245
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 2246
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2247
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2248
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 2249
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 2250
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 2251
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2252
pleas. 2253

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2254
of the work of the division and with the employment and 2255
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 2256
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 2257
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 2258
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 2259
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 2260
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2261
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 2262
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 2263
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 2264
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 2265
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 2266

the overall court budget and shall be included in the 2267
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 2268
the court of common pleas. 2269

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 2270
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 2271
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2272
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 2273
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 2274
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 2275
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 2276
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 2277
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 2278
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 2279
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 2280
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 2281
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 2282
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 2283
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 2284
discharge of the judge's various duties. 2285

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2286
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 2287
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2288
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 2289
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 2290
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 2291
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 2292
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 2293

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 2294
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 2295
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2296
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 2297
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 2298

of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 2299

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 2300
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2301
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2302
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2303
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 2304
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2305
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2306
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2307
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2308
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2309
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2310
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2311
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2312
division. 2313

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2314
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2315
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2316
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2317
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2318
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2319
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2320
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2321
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2322
services. 2323

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 2324
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 2325
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2326
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2327
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 2328
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2329
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2330

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2331
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 2332
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 2333
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2334
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2335
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2336
division. 2337

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2338
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2339
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2340
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2341
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2342
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2343
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2344
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2345
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2346
services. 2347

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2348
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 2349
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2350
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2351
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 2352
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2353
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2354
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2355
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 2356
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 2357
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 2358
of the work of the division and with the employment and 2359
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 2360
division. 2361

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 2362

expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2363
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 2364
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 2365
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2366
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 2367
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 2368
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 2369
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2370
services. 2371

(S) In Licking county, the judge of the court of common 2372
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1991, and successors, shall 2373
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2374
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2375
judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county and shall be 2376
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2377
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2378
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2379
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2380
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2381
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2382
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2383
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2384
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2385
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2386
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2387
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2388
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2389
of the division. 2390

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2391
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2392
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2393
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2394

division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2395
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2396
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2397
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2398
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2399
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2400
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2401
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 2402
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2403
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2404
pending in the division, who request the services. 2405

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 2406
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 2407
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2408
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2409
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 2410
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2411
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 2412
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2413
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 2414
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2415
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2416
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2417
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2418
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2419
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2420
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 2421
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2422
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 2423
of the division. 2424

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2425
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2426

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2427
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2428
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2429
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2430
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2431
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2432
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2433
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2434
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2435
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2436
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2437
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2438
pending in the division, who request the services. 2439

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2440
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2441
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2442
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2443
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 2444
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2445
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2446
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2447
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2448
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2449
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2450
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2451
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2452
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2453
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2454
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2455
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2456
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2457

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2458

allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2459
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2460
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2461
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2462
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2463
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2464
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2465
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2466
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2467
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2468
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2469
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2470
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2471
request the services. 2472

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2473
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2474
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2475
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2476
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 2477
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2478
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2479
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 2480
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 2481
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2482
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 2483
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2484
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 2485
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 2486
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 2487
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 2488
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 2489
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 2490
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 2491

section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2492
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 2493
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 2494
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 2495
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 2496
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 2497
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2498
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2499
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 2500
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2501
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2502
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 2503
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2504
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2505

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 2506
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 2507
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 2508
division. 2509

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2510
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2511
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2512
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2513
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 2514
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2515
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2516
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 2517
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2518
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2519
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2520
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 2521
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2522
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 2523

action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 2524
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 2525
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 2526
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 2527
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2528
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 2529
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 2530
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 2531
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 2532
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 2533
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 2534
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 2535
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 2536
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 2537
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 2538
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 2539
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 2540
of cases. 2541

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2542
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2543
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2544
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 2545
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 2546
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2547
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 2548
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2549
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 2550
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 2551
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 2552
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2553
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 2554
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 2555
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 2556

of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 2557
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 2558
division. 2559

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 2560
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 2561
services board and the county advisory board. 2562

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2563
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 2564
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 2565
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 2566
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 2567
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 2568
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 2569
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 2570
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 2571
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 2572
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 2573
court. 2574

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2575
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 2576
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 2577
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 2578
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 2579
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 2580
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2581
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 2582
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 2583
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2584
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2585
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2586
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 2587
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 2588

that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 2589
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 2590
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2591
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2592

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2593
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2594
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2595
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2596
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2597
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2598
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 2599
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 2600
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2601
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2602
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2603
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 2604
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 2605
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 2606
request the services. 2607

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 2608
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 2609
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 2610
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 2611
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 2612
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 2613
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 2614
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 2615
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2616
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 2617
the judge's various duties. 2618

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2619
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2620

that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2621
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2622
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 2623
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2624
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2625
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2626
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2627
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2628
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2629
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2630
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2631
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2632
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2633
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2634
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2635
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2636
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2637
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 2638
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 2639
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 2640
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 2641
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 2642
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 2643
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 2644
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2645
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2646
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2647
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2648
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2649
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 2650

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2651
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2652
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2653

Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 2654
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2655
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 2656
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2657
Marion county. 2658

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 2659
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2660
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2661
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 2662
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2663
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2664
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2665
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2666
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2667
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2668
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2669
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2670
common pleas of Marion county. 2671

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2672
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 2673
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2674
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2675
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 2676
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2677
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 2678
and hear all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2679
and annulment cases and all proceedings under the uniform 2680
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 2681
Revised Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive 2682
original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge shall be 2683
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, visitation, 2684
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2685

responsibilities for the care of children, and the designation for 2686
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, and all 2687
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 2688
those matters. 2689

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 2690
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 2691
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2692
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 2693
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 2694
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 2695
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 2696
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 2697
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 2698
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 2699
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2700
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2701
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2702
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 2703
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2704
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2705
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 2706
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 2707
other judge of the court of common pleas. 2708

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 2709
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 2710
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 2711
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 2712
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 2713
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2714
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 2715
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 2716
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 2717

juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 2718
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2719
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2720
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2721
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2722
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 2723
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2724
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2725
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2726
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 2727
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 2728
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 2729
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 2730
judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 2731
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 2732
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 2733
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 2734
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 2735
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 2736
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 2737
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2738
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 2739

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2740
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 2741
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 2742
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 2743
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 2744
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 2745
division and the juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2746
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 2747
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 2748
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 2749
to domestic relations cases. 2750

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 2751
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2752
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2753
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 2754
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2755
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2756
division" and the "judge of the domestic 2757
relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2758
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 2759
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 2760
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 2761
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 2762
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 2763

(DD) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2764
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2765
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2766
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2767
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2768
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2769
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2770
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2771
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2772

Section 4. That the existing version of section 2301.03 of 2773
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2004, 2774
is hereby repealed. 2775

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect January 2776
1, 2004. 2777

Section 6. Section 2301.02 of the Revised Code is presented 2778
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. 2779
H.B. 26 and Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly. The 2780

General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 2781
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 2782
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 2783
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 2784
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 2785
this act. 2786

Section 7. Section 2301.03 of the Revised Code is presented 2787
in Section 3 of this act as a composite of the section as amended 2788
by Sub. H.B. 26 of the 125th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 2789
490 and Am. Sub. H.B. 530, both of the 124th General Assembly. The 2790
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 2791
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 2792
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 2793
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 2794
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 2795
Section 3 of this act. 2796

Section 8. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2797
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2798
peace, health, and safety. The reason for this necessity is that 2799
it is crucial that this act be enacted into law at the earliest 2800
possible time to enable candidates for the new judicial position 2801
in the Erie County Court of Common Pleas that is created by this 2802
act to timely file their declarations of candidacy and statements 2803
of candidacy and nominating petitions. Therefore, this act shall 2804
go into immediate effect. 2805