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To amend sections 2101.01, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of 1
the Revised Code to prevent the changes provided 2
for in Am. Sub. S.B. 128 of the 126th General 3
Assembly with regard to the probate judge and the 4
judges of the Domestic Relations Division of the 5
Lorain County Court of Common Pleas from going 6
into effect. 7

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

Section 1. That sections 2101.01, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of the 8
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 9

Sec. 2101.01. (A) A probate division of the court of common 10
pleas shall be held at the county seat in each county in an office 11
furnished by the board of county commissioners, in which the 12
books, records, and papers pertaining to the probate division 13
shall be deposited and safely kept by the probate judge. The board 14
shall provide suitable cases or other necessary items for the 15
safekeeping and preservation of the books, records, and papers of 16
the court and shall furnish any blankbooks, blanks, and 17
stationery, and any machines, equipment, and materials for the 18
keeping or examining of records, that the probate judge requires 19
in the discharge of official duties. The board also shall 20

authorize expenditures for accountants, financial consultants, and 21
other agents required for auditing or financial consulting by the 22
probate division whenever the probate judge considers these 23
services and expenditures necessary for the efficient performance 24
of the division's duties. The probate judge shall employ and 25
supervise all clerks, deputies, magistrates, and other employees 26
of the probate division. The probate judge shall supervise all 27
probate court investigators and assessors in the performance of 28
their duties as investigators and assessors and shall employ, 29
appoint, or designate all probate court investigators and 30
assessors in the manner described in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of 31
section 2101.11 of the Revised Code. 32

(B) As used in the Revised Code: 33

(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, 34
"probate court" means the probate division of the court of common 35
pleas, and "probate judge" means the judge of the court of common 36
pleas who is judge of the probate division. 37

(2) With respect to Lorain county: 38

~~(a) From, from January 1, 2006, through February 8, 2009~~ 39
until the effective date of this amendment, "probate court" means 40
both the probate division and the domestic relations division of 41
the court of common pleas, and "probate judge" means both the 42
judge of the court of common pleas who is judge of the probate 43
division and each of the judges of the court of common pleas who 44
are judges of the domestic relations division. 45

~~(b) On and after February 9, 2009, "probate court" means the~~ 46
~~domestic relations division of the court of common pleas, and~~ 47
~~"probate judge" means each of the judges of the court of common~~ 48
~~pleas who are judges of the domestic relations division.~~ 49

(C) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this division, all~~ All 50
pleadings, forms, journals, and other records filed or used in the 51

probate division shall be entitled "In the Court of Common Pleas, 52
Probate Division," but are not defective if entitled "In the 53
Probate Court." ~~In Lorain county, on and after February 9, 2009,~~ 54
~~all pleadings, forms, journals, and other records filed or used in~~ 55
~~probate matters shall be entitled "In the Court of Common Pleas,~~ 56
~~Domestic Relations Division," but are not defective if entitled~~ 57
~~"In the Probate Division" or "In the Probate Court."~~ 58

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 59
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 60
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 61
shall be as follows: 62

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 63
elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 64

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 65
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term 66
to begin February 9, 1955; 67

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 68
begin January 9, 1957; 69

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 70
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 71
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin 72
January 1, 1957; 73

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 74
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, term to 75
begin January 1, 2007; 76

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 77
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 78
begin January 2, 2005; 79

In Carroll, Champaign, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, 80
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 81

elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	82
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	83 84
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005;	85 86 87
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	88 89
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;	90 91
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	92 93
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	94 95 96
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	97 98 99 100
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979;	101 102 103 104
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;	105 106 107
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 2008, term	108 109 110 111

to begin February 9, 2009;	112
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	113
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970,	114
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in	115
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	116
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	117
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976,	118
term to begin January 6, 1977;	119
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	120
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	121
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978,	122
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in	123
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	124
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	125
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	126
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	127
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	128
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	129
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	130
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	131
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	132
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	133
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	134
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	135
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	136
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	137
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	138
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term	139
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to	140
begin on January 1, 1971;	141

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 142
term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to 143
begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to 144
begin January 2, 2003; 145

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 146
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 147
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 148
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 149

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 150
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 151
term to begin January 1, 1977; 152

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 153
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 154
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 155
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 156

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 157
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 158
term to begin January 2, 1987; 159

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 160
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 161
term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, 162
term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 163
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 164

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 165
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 166
to begin January 1, 1987; 167

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 168
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 169
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 170
term to begin January 1, 1991; 171

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 172
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 173
respectively; 174

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 175
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 176
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 177
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 178
to begin January 2, 1995. 179

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956, 180
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 181
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 182
term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, 183
term to begin January 2, 1987; and the fifth to be elected in 184
2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 185

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 186
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 187
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 188

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 189
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 190
term to begin January 1, 1995; 191

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 192
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 193
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 194
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 195
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 196
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 197
2001; 198

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 199
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 200
begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 201
January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin 202

January 1, 2005;	203
In Lorain county, ten judges, two to be elected in 1952,	204
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively,	205
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to	206
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be	207
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5,	208
1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin	209
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; one to be	210
elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007; and one to be	211
elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009, as described in	212
division (C)(1)(c) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code;	213
In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956,	214
term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to	215
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to	216
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be	217
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected	218
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989,	219
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4,	220
1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003,	221
and January 3, 2003, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006,	222
term to begin January 3, 2007;	223
In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	224
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	225
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968,	226
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in	227
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;	228
In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	229
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	230
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	231
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	232
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to	233

begin January 2, 1969; 234

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 235
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 236
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 237
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 238
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 239
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 240
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 241

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 242
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from 243
January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 244
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 245
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 246
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 247
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 248
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 249
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 250
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 251
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 252
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 253
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 254
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 255
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 256
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 257
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 258
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 259
14, 1987, respectively; 260

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected in 261
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 262
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 263
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 264
begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 265

1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to 266
be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 267
January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, 268
term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to 269
begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin 270
July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 271
1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 272
2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 273

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 274
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 275
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 276
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 277
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 278
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 279
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 280
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 281
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 282
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 283
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 284

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 285
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 286
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 287
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 288
1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 289
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 290
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 291
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 292
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 293
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 294
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 295
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 296
1993; 297

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

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

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

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

to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to 330
be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 331
2009, respectively. 332

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 333
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 334
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 335
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 336
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 337
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 338
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 339
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 340
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 341
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 342
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 343
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 344
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 345
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 346

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 347
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 348
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 349
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and Wyandot 350
counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected 351
pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate 352
division, ~~except in Lorain county in which the judges of the~~ 353
~~domestic relations division of the Lorain county court of common~~ 354
~~pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the~~ 355
~~duties and functions of the judge of the probate division,~~ and 356
except in Morrow county in which the judges of the court of common 357
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 358
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division. 359

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 360

of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 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.

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(B) In Hamilton county:

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(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.

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(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

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1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 392
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 393
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 394
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 395
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 396
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 397
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 398
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 399
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 400
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 401
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 402
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 403
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 404
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 405
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 406

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 407
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 408
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 409
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 410
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 411
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 412
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 413
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 414
discharge of their various duties. 415

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 416
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 417
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 418
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 419
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 420
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 421
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 422
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 423

and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 424
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 425
action pending in the division. 426

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 427
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 428
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 429
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 430
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 431
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 432
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 433
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 434
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 435
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 436
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 437
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 438

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 439
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 440
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 441
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 442
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 443

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 444
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 445
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 446
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 447
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 448
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 449
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 450
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 451
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 452
in the case involved. 453

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 454
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successor to that 455

judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall each be elected 456
and designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the 457
court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The successors to the 458
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected and 459
designated as judges of the general division of the court of 460
common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority 461
granted by division (B)(3) of this section. The drug court judge 462
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 463
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 464
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 465
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 466
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 467
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 468
pronounce and enter sentence. 469

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 470
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 471
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 472
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 473
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 474
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 475
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 476
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 477
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 478
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 479
and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 480
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 481
the case. 482

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 483
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 484
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 485
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 486
following apply: 487

(a) One of the following applies:	488
(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor.	489 490 491 492 493
(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	494 495 496 497 498 499 500
(b) All of the following apply:	501
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be imposed.	502 503 504 505
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	506
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	507
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	508 509
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	510 511
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	512
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	513 514
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient	515 516 517

caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 518
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 519
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 520
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 521
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 522
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 523
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 524
the drug court judge. 525

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 526
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 527
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised 528
Code. 529

(C)(1) In Lorain county+ 530

~~(a) The, the~~ judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 531
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 532
~~and February 9, 2009,~~ and successors, shall have the same 533
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 534
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 535
common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated 536
as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 537
relations. They shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile 538
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 539
Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile 540
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 541
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, 542
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 543
other judge of the court of common pleas. 544

~~(b) On and after January 1, 2006, the judges of the court of 545
common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the 546
powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this 547
section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the 548
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other 549~~

~~provisions of the Revised Code. From January 1, 2006, through 550
February 8, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas, 551
division of domestic relations, shall exercise probate 552
jurisdiction concurrently with the probate judge. 553~~

~~(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 554
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the 555
successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term 556
that began on February 9, 2003. 557~~

~~(2)(a) From January 1, 2006, through February 8, 2009, with 558
respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate 559
court shall be construed as references to both the probate court 560
and the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 561
all references in law to the probate judge shall be construed as 562
references to both the probate judge and the judges of the court 563
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. On and after 564
February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in 565
law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the 566
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all 567
references to the probate judge shall be construed as references 568
to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 569
relations. 570~~

~~(b) On and after February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain 571
county, all references in law to the clerk of the probate court 572
shall be construed as references to the judge who is serving 573
pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts 574
of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, 575
division of domestic relations. 576~~

(D) In Lucas county: 577

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 578
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 579
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 580

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 581
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 582
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 583
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 584
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 585

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 586
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 587
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 588
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 589
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 590
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 591

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 592
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 593
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 594
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 595
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 596
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 597
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 598
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 599
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 600
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 601
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 602
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 603
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 604
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 605
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 606
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 607
the discharge of their various duties. 608

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 609
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 610
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 611
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 612

of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 613
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 614
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 615
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 616
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 617
action pending in the division. 618

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 619
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 620
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 621
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 622
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 623
the judges of the other of those divisions. 624

(E) In Mahoning county: 625

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 626
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 627
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 628
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 629
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 630
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 631
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 632
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 633
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 634
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 635
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 636
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 637
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 638
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 639
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 640
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 641
the various duties of the judge's office. 642

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 643
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 644

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 645
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 646
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 647
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 648
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 649
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 650
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 651
action pending in the division. 652

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 653
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 654
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 655
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 656
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 657
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 658
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 659
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 660
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 661
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 662
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 663
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 664
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 665
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 666
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 667
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 668

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 669
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 670
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 671
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 672
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 673
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 674
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 675
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 676

action pending in the division. 677

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 678
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 679
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 680
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 681
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 682
common pleas. 683

(F) In Montgomery county: 684

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 685
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 686
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 687
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 688
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 689
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 690
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 691
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 692
and annulment cases. 693

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 694
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 695
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 696
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 697
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 698
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 699
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 700
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 701
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 702
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 703
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 704
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 705
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 706

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 707

on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 708
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 709
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 710
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 711
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 712
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 713
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 714
Revised Code. 715

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 716
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 717
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 718
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 719
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 720
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 721
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 722
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 723
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 724
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 725
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 726
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 727
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 728
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 729
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 730
division. 731

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 732
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 733
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 734
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 735
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 736
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 737

(G) In Richland county: 738

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 739

on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 740
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 741
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 742
common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 743
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 744
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 745
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 746
cases, all domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 747
of the Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings arising from 748
any case pertaining to any of those matters. The division of 749
domestic relations has concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile 750
division of the court of common pleas of Richland county to 751
determine the care, custody, or control of any child not a ward of 752
another court of this state, and to hear and determine a request 753
for an order for the support of any child if the request is not 754
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 755
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 756
involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for 757
support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in 758
cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of 759
the juvenile court, the judge of the division of domestic 760
relations shall be assigned and hear all cases pertaining to 761
paternity or parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, 762
parenting time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of 763
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 764
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 765
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 766
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 767
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 768
those matters. 769

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 770
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 771
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 772

subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 773
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 774
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 775
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 776
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 777
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 778
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 779
shall fix their duties. 780

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 781
on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 782
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 783
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 784
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 785
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 786
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 787
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 788
Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 789
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 790
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 791
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 792
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 793
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 794
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 795
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of 796
those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 797
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 798
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 799
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 800

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 801
juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 802
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 803
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 804

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 805
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 806
magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge 807
of the judge's various duties. 808

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the 809
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 810
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 811
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 812
statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 813
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 814
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 815
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an 816
action pending in the court, who request the services. 817

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 818
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 819
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 820
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 821
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 822
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 823
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 824
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 825
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 826
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 827
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 828
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 829
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 830
be assigned to the judges. 831

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 832
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 833
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 834
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 835
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 836

referees required for the judge's respective court. 837

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 838
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 839
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 840
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 841
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 842
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 843
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 844
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 845
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 846
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 847
to serve. 848

(I) In Summit county: 849

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 850
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 851
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 852
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 853
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 854
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 855
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 856
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 857
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 858
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 859
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 860
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 861
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 862
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 863
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 864
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 865
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 866
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 867
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 868

Revised Code. 869

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 870
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 871
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 872
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 873
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 874
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 875
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 876
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 877
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 878
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 879
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 880
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 881
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 882
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 883
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 884
action pending in the division. 885

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 886
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 887
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 888
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 889
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 890
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 891
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 892
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 893
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 894
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 895
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 896
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 897
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 898
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 899
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 900

matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 901
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 902
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 903
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 904

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 905
division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 906
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 907
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 908
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 909
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 910
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 911
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 912
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 913
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 914
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 915
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 916
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 917
division. 918

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 919
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 920
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 921
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 922
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 923
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 924
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 925
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 926
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 927
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 928
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 929
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 930
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 931
pleas. 932

(K) In Butler county: 933

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 934
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 935
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 936
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 937
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 938
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 939
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 940
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 941
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 942
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 943
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 944
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 945
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 946
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 947
division. 948

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 949
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 950
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 951
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 952
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 953
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 954
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 955
conciliation services that the division makes available to 956
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 957
pending in the division, who request the services. 958

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 959
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 960
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 961
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 962
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 963
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 964

division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 965
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 966
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 967
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 968
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 969
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 970
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 971
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 972
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 973
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 974
discharge of the judge's various duties. 975

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 976
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 977
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 978
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 979
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 980
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 981
conciliation services that the division makes available to 982
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 983
pending in the division, who request the services. 984

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 985
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 986
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 987
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 988
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 989
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 990

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 991
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 992
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 993
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 994
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 995
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 996

shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 997
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 998
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 999
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1000
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1001
reason. 1002

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 1003
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 1004
the following powers concerning division personnel: 1005

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1006
supervision; 1007

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1008
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1009

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 1010
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 1011
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 1012
and annulment matters. 1013

(M) In Lake county: 1014

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1015
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1016
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1017
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1018
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1019
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1020
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1021
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1022
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1023
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1024
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1025
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1026
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1027

division. 1028

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1029
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1030
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1031
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1032
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1033
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1034
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1035
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1036
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1037
services. 1038

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1039
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1040
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1041
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1042
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1043
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1044
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1045
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1046
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1047
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1048
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1049
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1050
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1051
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1052
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1053
duties. 1054

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1055
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1056
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1057
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1058
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1059

providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1060
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1061
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1062
services. 1063

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1064
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1065
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1066
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1067
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1068
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1069

(N) In Erie county: 1070

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1071
on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge whose terms 1072
begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same qualifications, 1073
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1074
compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of 1075
Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the 1076
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge 1077
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall 1078
be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1079
Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court 1080
has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1081
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some 1082
special reason are assigned to some other judge. 1083

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common 1084
pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge 1085
of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 1086
1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common 1087
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as 1088
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the 1089
powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1090

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, 1091
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of 1092
the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on 1093
January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1094
common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 1095
2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 1096
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 1097
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 1098
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1099
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 1100
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 1101
Revised Code. 1102

(O) In Greene county: 1103

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1104
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1105
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1106
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1107
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 1108
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1109
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1110
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 1111
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 1112
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1113
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1114
pleas. 1115

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1116
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1117
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1118
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1119
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1120
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1121
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1122

and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1123
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1124
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1125
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1126
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1127
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1128
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1129
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 1130
the court of common pleas. 1131

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1132
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1133
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1134
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1135
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 1136
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 1137
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 1138
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1139
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1140
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 1141
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1142
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1143
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1144
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1145
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1146
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1147

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1148
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1149
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1150
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1151
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1152
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 1153
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1154

to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1155

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1156
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1157
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1158
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 1159
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 1160
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 1161

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1162
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1163
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1164
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1165
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 1166
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1167
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1168
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1169
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1170
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1171
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1172
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1173
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1174
division. 1175

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1176
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1177
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1178
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1179
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1180
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1181
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1182
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1183
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1184
services. 1185

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1186

pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1187
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1188
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1189
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1190
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1191
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1192
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1193
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1194
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1195
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1196
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1197
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1198
division. 1199

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1200
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1201
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1202
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1203
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1204
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1205
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1206
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1207
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1208
services. 1209

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1210
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1211
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1212
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1213
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1214
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1215
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1216
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1217
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1218

reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1219
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1220
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1221
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1222
division. 1223

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1224
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1225
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1226
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1227
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1228
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1229
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1230
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1231
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1232
services. 1233

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1234
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2005, 1235
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1236
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1237
the other judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county 1238
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1239
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges shall be 1240
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1241
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1242
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1243
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1244
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1245
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1246
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1247
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1248
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1249
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1250

be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1251
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1252
of the division. 1253

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1254
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1255
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1256
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1257
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1258
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1259
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1260
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1261
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1262
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1263
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1264
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1265
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1266
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1267
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1268
pending in the division, who request the services. 1269

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1270
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1271
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1272
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1273
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1274
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1275
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1276
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1277
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1278
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1279
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1280
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1281
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1282

proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1283
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1284
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1285
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1286
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1287
of the division. 1288

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1289
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1290
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1291
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1292
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1293
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1294
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1295
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1296
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1297
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1298
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1299
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1300
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1301
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1302
pending in the division, who request the services. 1303

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1304
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1305
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1306
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1307
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1308
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1309
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1310
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1311
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1312
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1313
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1314

the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1315
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1316
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1317
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1318
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1319
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1320
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1321

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1322
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1323
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1324
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1325
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1326
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1327
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1328
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1329
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1330
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1331
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1332
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1333
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1334
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1335
request the services. 1336

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1337
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1338
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1339
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1340
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1341
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1342
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1343
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1344
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1345
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1346

parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1347
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1348
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1349
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1350
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1351
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1352
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1353
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1354
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1355
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1356
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1357
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1358
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1359
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1360
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1361
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1362
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1363
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1364
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1365
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1366
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1367
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1368
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1369

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1370
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1371
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1372
division. 1373

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1374
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1375
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1376
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1377
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1378

handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1379
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1380
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1381
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1382
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1383
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1384
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1385
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1386
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1387
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1388
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1389
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1390
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1391
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1392
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1393
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1394
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1395
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1396
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1397
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1398
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1399
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1400
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1401
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1402
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1403
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1404
of cases. 1405

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1406
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1407
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1408
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1409
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1410
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1411

relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1412
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1413
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 1414
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 1415
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 1416
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1417
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 1418
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 1419
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 1420
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 1421
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 1422
division. 1423

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1424
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1425
services board and the county advisory board. 1426

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1427
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1428
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1429
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1430
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1431
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1432
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1433
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1434
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1435
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1436
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1437
court. 1438

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1439
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1440
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1441
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1442
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1443

as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1444
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1445
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1446
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1447
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1448
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1449
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1450
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1451
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1452
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1453
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1454
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1455
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1456

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1457
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1458
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1459
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1460
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1461
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1462
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1463
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1464
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1465
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1466
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1467
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1468
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1469
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1470
request the services. 1471

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1472
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1473
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1474
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1475

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1476
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1477
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1478
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1479
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1480
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1481
the judge's various duties. 1482

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1483
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1484
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1485
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1486
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1487
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1488
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1489
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1490
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1491
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1492
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1493
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1494
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1495
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1496
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1497
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1498
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1499
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1500
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1501
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 1502
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 1503
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 1504
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 1505
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 1506
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 1507
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 1508

concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1509
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1510
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1511
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1512
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1513
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1514

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1515
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1516
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1517
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1518
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1519
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1520
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1521
Marion county. 1522

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1523
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1524
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1525
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1526
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1527
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1528
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1529
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1530
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1531
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1532
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1533
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1534
common pleas of Marion county. 1535

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1536
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1537
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1538
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1539
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1540

be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1541
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 1542
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1543
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1544
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1545
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1546
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1547
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1548
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1549
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1550
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge 1551
shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of 1552
the division and with the employment and supervision of the 1553
personnel of the division. 1554

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1555
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1556
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1557
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1558
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1559
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1560
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1561
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1562
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1563
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1564
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1565
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1566
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1567
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1568
pending in the division, who request the services. 1569

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1570
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 1571
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1572

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1573
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 1574
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1575
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1576
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 1577
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 1578
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1579
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1580
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1581
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1582
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1583
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1584
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1585
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 1586
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 1587
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1588

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1589
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1590
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1591
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1592
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 1593
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1594
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1595
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1596
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1597
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1598
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1599
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1600
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1601
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1602
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1603
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1604
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1605

from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1606
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1607
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 1608
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1609
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 1610
judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 1611
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 1612
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 1613
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1614
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1615
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1616
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1617
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1618
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 1619

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1620
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1621
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 1622
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 1623
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 1624
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 1625
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1626
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 1627
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 1628
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 1629
to the domestic relations cases. 1630

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1631
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1632
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1633
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 1634
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1635
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1636
division" and the "judge of the domestic 1637

relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 1638
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1639
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1640
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 1641
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 1642
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1643

(DD) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1644
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1645
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1646
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1647
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 1648
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 1649
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 1650
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 1651
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1652

Section 2. That existing sections 2101.01, 2301.02, and 1653
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1654

Section 3. In Lorain County, all proceedings that are within 1655
the jurisdiction of the Probate Court under Chapter 2101. and 1656
other provisions of the Revised Code that are pending before a 1657
judge of the Domestic Relations Division of the Lorain County 1658
Court of Common Pleas on the effective date of this act shall be 1659
transferred to the Lorain County Probate Court. Parties to those 1660
proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that are 1661
required to conform them to the applicable rules of the Lorain 1662
County Probate Court. On the effective date of this act, the Clerk 1663
of the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas shall transfer to the 1664
Lorain County Probate Court all pleadings, orders, entries, 1665
dockets, bonds, papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, 1666
and property that are in the Clerk's possession and that pertain 1667
to those proceedings. 1668