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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 1901.08, 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03, 1  
and 3521.03 and to enact sections 141.06 and 2  
2101.025 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 3  
249.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General 4  
Assembly and Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 5  
126th General Assembly to specify the rate of 6  
compensation of a member of the current or 7  
previous General Assembly who is appointed to 8  
judicial office, to create a Domestic 9  
Relations-Juvenile-Probate Division of the 10  
Champaign County Court of Common Pleas, to 11  
designate the Champaign County Probate and 12  
Juvenile Judge as a judge of that division, to add 13  
a judge to that division to be elected in 2008, to 14  
make the Hamilton County Drug Court permanent, to 15  
extend the deadline by which the report of the 16  
Joint Committee to Study Court Costs and Filing 17  
Fees is due, to change the status of the judge of 18

the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court from part-time 19  
to full-time, to authorize funding for a special 20  
election when a vacancy in Congress occurs, to 21  
make an appropriation, and to declare an 22  
emergency. 23

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.08, 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03, 24  
and 3521.03 be amended and sections 141.06 and 2101.025 of the 25  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 26

**Sec. 141.06.** A member of the current general assembly, or a 27  
person who was a member of the current or previous general 28  
assembly, who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of 29  
the chief justice or a justice of the supreme court or of any 30  
judge shall receive compensation for the balance of that unexpired 31  
term at the rate that was in effect for that office on the last 32  
day of the general assembly prior to the one during which the 33  
person was appointed. 34

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 35  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 36  
their terms shall be as follows: 37

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 38  
elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, 39  
one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time 40  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 41

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 42  
elected in 1953. 43

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 44  
elected in 1951. 45

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	46 47
In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	48 49
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	50 51
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	52 53
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	54 55 56
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	57 58
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	59 60
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	61 62
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	63 64
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983.	65 66
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	67 68 69 70 71 72
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	73 74

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall 75  
be elected in 1951. 76

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 77  
elected in 1963. 78

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 79  
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and 80  
two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 81

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 82  
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 83  
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 84  
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 85  
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 86  
December 31, 2009. 87

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 88  
elected in 1957. 89

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time judge 90  
shall be elected in 2001. 91

In the Chardon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 92  
elected in 1963. 93

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge shall 94  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 95  
1977. 96

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 97  
be elected in 1953. 98

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 99  
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 100  
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield municipal 101  
court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as the judges 102  
of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until 103  
the end of their respective terms. 104

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2013, respectively.

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 135  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time 136  
judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior to that 137  
date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the 138  
full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 139  
31, 2005. 140

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges shall 141  
be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive days 142  
beginning on the first day of January next after their election, 143  
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, their terms to 144  
commence on successive days beginning on the second day of January 145  
next after their election. 146

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 147  
elected in 1957. 148

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 149  
elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. 150

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 151  
shall be elected in 1957. 152

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 153  
shall be elected in 1953. 154

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 155  
elected in 1973. 156

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 157  
elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 158

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall 159  
be elected in 2007. 160

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 161  
elected in 1951. 162

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 163  
elected in 1977. 164

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	165 166 167
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	168 169
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	170 171
In the Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	172 173
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	174 175
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1997.	176 177 178 179 180 181
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	182 183
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	184 185
In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	186 187 188
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	189 190
In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	191 192
In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be elected	193 194

in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, and two 195  
full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of judges of 196  
the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on the first 197  
day of January next after their election, except that the terms of 198  
the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall commence on 199  
January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the terms of the 200  
additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall commence on January 201  
4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 202

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 203  
shall be elected in 1989. 204

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one part-time judge shall 205  
be elected in 1957. 206

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 207  
shall be elected in 1977. 208

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 209  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part-time 210  
judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior to that 211  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the 212  
full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal court until 213  
December 31, 2007. 214

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 215  
elected in 1967. 216

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 217  
elected in 1951. 218

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 219  
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the 220  
part-time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was 221  
elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 222  
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 223

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall 224



be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	225
1975.	226
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	227
elected in 1955.	228
In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge shall	229
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	230
1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges of the	231
Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1999 shall	232
serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the	233
end of those judges' terms.	234
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge	235
shall be elected in 1981.	236
In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	237
elected in 1955.	238
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge	239
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected	240
in 1971.	241
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	242
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	243
In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	244
elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	245
In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one part-time judge shall	246
be elected in 1957.	247
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge	248
shall be elected in 1981.	249
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall	250
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	251
1969.	252
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	253
elected in 1957.	254

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	255 256
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	257 258 259 260 261
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	262 263
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	264 265 266
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	267 268
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	269 270
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	271 272
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	273 274 275
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	276 277
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	278 279
In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part-time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow county municipal court until December 31, 2005.	280 281 282 283 284

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	285 286
In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	287 288
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	289 290
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	291 292
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	293 294
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	295 296
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	297 298
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	299 300
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	301 302
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	303 304 305 306 307
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	308 309
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	310 311 312
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall	313

be elected in 1977. 314

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges 315  
shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected 316  
in 1971. 317

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 318  
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton 319  
municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of 320  
the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the 321  
end of that judge's term. 322

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 323  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 324  
1985. 325

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall 326  
be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 327  
1971. 328

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 329  
elected in 1953. 330

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 331  
shall be elected in 1957. 332

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 333  
elected in 1957. 334

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 335  
elected in 1995. 336

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 337  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 338  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 339  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 340  
January 1, 2000. 341

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 342  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be elected 343

in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the Springfield 344  
municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as the judges of 345  
the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the 346  
end of their respective terms. 347

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 348  
shall be elected in 1953. 349

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 350  
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 351  
Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 352  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 353  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge of 354  
the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 355  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 356  
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 357  
2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court 358  
until December 31, 2009. 359

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall 360  
be elected in 1963. 361

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 362  
elected in 1963. 363

In the Tiffin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 364  
elected in 1953. 365

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 366  
elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, 367  
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 368

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one ~~part-time~~ 369  
full-time judge shall be elected in ~~1957~~ 2011. The part-time judge 370  
elected in 2005, whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall 371  
serve as a full-time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the 372  
expiration of that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the 373  
office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 374

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1959.	375 376
In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	377 378
In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	379 380
In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	381 382
In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	383 384
In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2000.	385 386 387 388 389
In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	390 391 392
In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	393 394
In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	395 396 397 398 399
In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	400 401
In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953.	402 403 404

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 405  
be elected in 1953. 406

Sec. 2101.025. Effective February 9, 2009, the probate judge 407  
of the court of common pleas of Champaign county shall have all 408  
the powers relating to the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 409  
division of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, as 410  
established pursuant to division (DD)(1) of section 2301.03 of the 411  
Revised Code, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the 412  
judges of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of the 413  
court of common pleas of Champaign county over matters that are 414  
within the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 415  
division, as set forth in division (DD)(1) of section 2301.03 of 416  
the Revised Code. 417

**Sec. 2151.07.** The juvenile court is a court of record within 418  
the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall 419  
exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. 420  
and 2152. of the Revised Code. 421

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, is 422  
absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 423  
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the request 424  
of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding judge of the 425  
court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(DD)~~(EE) of section 426  
2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge of any division 427  
of the court of common pleas of the county to act in the juvenile 428  
judge's place or in conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no 429  
judge of the court of common pleas is available for that purpose, 430  
the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge of the 431  
court of common pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a 432  
different county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in 433  
conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 434  
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 435

provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 436  
common pleas. 437

**Sec. 2301.02.** The number of judges of the court of common 438  
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 439  
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 440  
shall be as follows: 441

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 442  
elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 443

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 444  
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term 445  
to begin February 9, 1955; 446

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 447  
begin January 9, 1957; 448

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 449  
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 450  
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin 451  
January 1, 1957; 452

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 453  
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, term to 454  
begin January 1, 2007; 455

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 456  
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 457  
begin January 2, 2005; 458

In Carroll, ~~Champaign~~, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, 459  
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 460  
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 461

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 462  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 2008, term 463  
to begin February 10, 2009. 464



In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	465 466
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;	467 468 469
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	470 471
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953;	472 473
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	474 475
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;	476 477 478
(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;	479 480 481 482
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;	483 484 485 486
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;	487 488 489
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 to begin February 9, 2009;	490 491 492 493 494

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 495  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 496  
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 497  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 498

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 499  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 500  
term to begin January 6, 1977; 501

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 502  
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 503  
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, 504  
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 505  
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 506

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 507  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 508  
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 509

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 510  
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 511  
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 512

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 513  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 514  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 515  
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 516

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 517  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 518  
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 519  
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 520

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 521  
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to 522  
begin on January 1, 1971; 523

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 524

term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to 525  
begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to 526  
begin January 2, 2003; 527

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 528  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 529  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 530  
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 531

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 532  
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 533  
term to begin January 1, 1977; 534

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 535  
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 536  
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 537  
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 538

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 539  
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 540  
term to begin January 2, 1987; 541

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 542  
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 543  
term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, 544  
term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 545  
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 546

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 547  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 548  
to begin January 1, 1987; 549

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 550  
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 551  
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 552  
term to begin January 1, 1991; 553

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 554

in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 555  
respectively; 556

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 557  
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 558  
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 559  
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 560  
to begin January 2, 1995. 561

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956, 562  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 563  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 564  
term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, 565  
term to begin January 2, 1987; and the fifth to be elected in 566  
2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 567

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 568  
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 569  
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 570

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 571  
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 572  
term to begin January 1, 1995; 573

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 574  
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 575  
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 576  
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 577  
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 578  
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 579  
2001; 580

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 581  
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 582  
begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 583  
January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin 584  
January 1, 2005; 585

In Lorain county, ten judges, two to be elected in 1952, 586  
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 587  
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 588  
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 589  
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 590  
1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 591  
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; one to be 592  
elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007; and one to be 593  
elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009, as described in 594  
division (C)(1)(c) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code; 595

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956, 596  
term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to 597  
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to 598  
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be 599  
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected 600  
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, 601  
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 602  
1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003, 603  
and January 3, 2003, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, 604  
term to begin January 3, 2007; 605

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 606  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 607  
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968, 608  
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 609  
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 610

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 611  
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 612  
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 613

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 614  
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 615  
begin January 2, 1969; 616

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 617  
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 618  
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 619  
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 620  
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 621  
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 622  
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 623

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 624  
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from 625  
January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 626  
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 627  
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 628  
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 629  
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 630  
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 631  
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 632  
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 633  
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 634  
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 635  
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 636  
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 637  
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 638  
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 639  
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 640  
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 641  
14, 1987, respectively; 642

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected in 643  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 644  
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 645  
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 646  
begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 647  
1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to 648

be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 649  
January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, 650  
term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to 651  
begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin 652  
July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 653  
1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 654  
2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 655

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 656  
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 657  
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 658  
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 659  
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 660  
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 661  
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 662  
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 663  
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 664  
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 665  
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 666

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 667  
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 668  
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 669  
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 670  
1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 671  
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 672  
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 673  
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 674  
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 675  
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 676  
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 677  
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 678  
1993; 679

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 680

1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 681  
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 682  
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 683  
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 684  
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 685  
1991; 686

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 687  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 688  
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 689  
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, 690  
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 691  
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 692  
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 693  
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 694  
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 695  
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 696  
1, 1993. 697

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 698  
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 699  
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 700  
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 701  
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 702  
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 703  
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 704

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 705  
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 706  
1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 707  
1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 708  
1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin 709  
January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 710  
5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one 711  
to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to 712



be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6,  
2009, respectively.

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

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas  
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected  
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code,  
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and Wyandot  
counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected  
pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate  
division, except in Lorain county in which the judges of the  
domestic relations division of the Lorain county court of common  
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the  
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division, and  
except in Morrow county in which the judges of the court of common  
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the  
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division.

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

1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 744  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 745  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 746  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 747  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 748  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 749  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 750  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 751  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 752  
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 753  
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 754  
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 755  
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 756  
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 757  
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 758

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(B) In Hamilton county:

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(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 761  
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 762  
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 763  
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 764  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 765  
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 766

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 767  
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 768  
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 769  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 770  
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 771  
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 772  
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 773  
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 774  
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 775

the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 776  
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 777  
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 778  
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 779  
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 780  
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 781  
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 782  
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 783  
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 784  
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 785  
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 786  
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 787  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 788

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 789  
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 790  
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 791  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 792  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 793  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 794  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 795  
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 796  
discharge of their various duties. 797

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 798  
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 799  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 800  
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 801  
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 802  
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 803  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 804  
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 805  
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 806  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 807

action pending in the division. 808

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 809  
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 810  
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 811  
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 812  
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 813  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 814  
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 815  
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 816  
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 817  
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 818  
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 819  
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 820

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 821  
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 822  
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 823  
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 824  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 825

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 826  
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 827  
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 828  
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 829  
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 830  
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 831  
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 832  
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 833  
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 834  
in the case involved. 835

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 836  
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the ~~successor~~ successors 837  
to that judge ~~whose term begins on January 3, 2003,~~ shall each be 838  
elected and designated ~~for one term only~~ as the drug court judge 839

of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. ~~The successors to~~ 840  
~~the judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected~~ 841  
~~and designated as judges of the general division of the court of~~ 842  
~~common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority~~ 843  
~~granted by division (B)(3) of this section.~~ The drug court judge 844  
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 845  
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 846  
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 847  
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 848  
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 849  
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 850  
pronounce and enter sentence. 851

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 852  
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 853  
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 854  
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 855  
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 856  
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 857  
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 858  
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 859  
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 860  
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 861  
and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 862  
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 863  
the case. 864

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 865  
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 866  
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 867  
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 868  
following apply: 869

(a) One of the following applies: 870

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 871

section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 872  
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 873  
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 874  
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 875

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 876  
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 877  
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 878  
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 879  
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 880  
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 881  
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 882

(b) All of the following apply: 883

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 884  
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory 885  
prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be 886  
imposed. 887

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 888

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 889

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 890  
drug or alcohol driven. 891

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 892  
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 893

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 894

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 895  
approves of the referral. 896

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 897  
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 898  
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 899  
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 900  
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 901

Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 902  
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 903  
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 904  
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 905  
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 906  
the drug court judge. 907

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 908  
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 909  
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised 910  
Code. 911

(C)(1) In Lorain county: 912

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 913  
on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, January 2, 1999, and February 914  
9, 2009, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 915  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 916  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 917  
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 918  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 919  
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 920  
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 921  
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 922  
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 923  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 924  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 925  
judge of the court of common pleas. 926

(b) On and after January 1, 2006, the judges of the court of 927  
common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the 928  
powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this 929  
section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the 930  
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other 931  
provisions of the Revised Code. From January 1, 2006, through 932  
February 8, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas, 933

division of domestic relations, shall exercise probate 934  
jurisdiction concurrently with the probate judge. 935

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 936  
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the 937  
successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term 938  
that began on February 9, 2003. 939

(2)(a) From January 1, 2006, through February 8, 2009, with 940  
respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate 941  
court shall be construed as references to both the probate court 942  
and the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 943  
all references in law to the probate judge shall be construed as 944  
references to both the probate judge and the judges of the court 945  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. On and after 946  
February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in 947  
law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the 948  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all 949  
references to the probate judge shall be construed as references 950  
to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 951  
relations. 952

(b) On and after February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain 953  
county, all references in law to the clerk of the probate court 954  
shall be construed as references to the judge who is serving 955  
pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts 956  
of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, 957  
division of domestic relations. 958

(D) In Lucas county: 959

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 960  
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 961  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 962  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 963  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 964



designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 965  
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 966  
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 967

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 968  
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 969  
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 970  
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 971  
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 972  
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 973

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 974  
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 975  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 976  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 977  
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 978  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 979  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 980  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 981  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 982  
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 983  
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 984  
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 985  
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 986  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 987  
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 988  
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 989  
the discharge of their various duties. 990

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 991  
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 992  
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 993  
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 994  
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 995  
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 996

servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 997  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 998  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 999  
action pending in the division. 1000

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1001  
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1002  
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1003  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1004  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1005  
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1006

(E) In Mahoning county: 1007

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1008  
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1009  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1010  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1011  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1012  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1013  
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1014  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1015  
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1016  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1017  
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1018  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1019  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1020  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1021  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1022  
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1023  
the various duties of the judge's office. 1024

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1025  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1026  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1027  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1028

addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1029  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1030  
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 1031  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1032  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1033  
action pending in the division. 1034

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1035  
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1036  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1037  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1038  
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1039  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1040  
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1041  
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1042  
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1043  
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1044  
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 1045  
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1046  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1047  
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 1048  
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 1049  
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1050

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1051  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1052  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1053  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1054  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1055  
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1056  
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1057  
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1058  
action pending in the division. 1059

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1060

domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1061  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1062  
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1063  
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 1064  
common pleas. 1065

(F) In Montgomery county: 1066

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1067  
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 1068  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1069  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1070  
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1071  
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1072  
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1073  
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1074  
and annulment cases. 1075

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1076  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 1077  
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 1078  
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 1079  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1080  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1081  
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 1082  
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 1083  
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 1084  
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1085  
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 1086  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1087  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 1088

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1089  
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1090  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1091  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1092

the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 1093  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1094  
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 1095  
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1096  
Revised Code. 1097

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1098  
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1099  
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1100  
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1101  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1102  
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1103  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1104  
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1105  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1106  
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1107  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1108  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1109  
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1110  
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1111  
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1112  
division. 1113

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1114  
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1115  
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1116  
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1117  
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1118  
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1119

(G) In Richland county: 1120

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1121  
on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 1122  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1123  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1124

common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 1125  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1126  
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 1127  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1128  
cases, all domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 1129  
of the Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings arising from 1130  
any case pertaining to any of those matters. The division of 1131  
domestic relations has concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile 1132  
division of the court of common pleas of Richland county to 1133  
determine the care, custody, or control of any child not a ward of 1134  
another court of this state, and to hear and determine a request 1135  
for an order for the support of any child if the request is not 1136  
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1137  
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1138  
involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for 1139  
support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in 1140  
cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of 1141  
the juvenile court, the judge of the division of domestic 1142  
relations shall be assigned and hear all cases pertaining to 1143  
paternity or parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, 1144  
parenting time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1145  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 1146  
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1147  
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1148  
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 1149  
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 1150  
those matters. 1151

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1152  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1153  
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1154  
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1155  
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1156  
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1157

considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1158  
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1159  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1160  
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1161  
shall fix their duties. 1162

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1163  
on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 1164  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1165  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1166  
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 1167  
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1168  
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1169  
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 1170  
Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1171  
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1172  
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1173  
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 1174  
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1175  
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1176  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 1177  
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of 1178  
those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1179  
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1180  
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1181  
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1182

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1183  
juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1184  
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 1185  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1186  
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1187  
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1188  
magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge 1189

of the judge's various duties. 1190

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the 1191  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1192  
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1193  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1194  
statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1195  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 1196  
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 1197  
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1198  
action pending in the court, who request the services. 1199

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 1200  
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 1201  
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1202  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1203  
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 1204  
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 1205  
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1206  
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1207  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1208  
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1209  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1210  
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 1211  
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 1212  
be assigned to the judges. 1213

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 1214  
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1215  
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1216  
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1217  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1218  
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1219

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1220  
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1221



administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 1222  
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 1223  
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1224  
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 1225  
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 1226  
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 1227  
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 1228  
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 1229  
to serve. 1230

(I) In Summit county: 1231

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1232  
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 1233  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1234  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1235  
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 1236  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1237  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1238  
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 1239  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1240  
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 1241  
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 1242  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 1243  
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 1244  
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 1245  
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 1246  
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1247  
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 1248  
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 1249  
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 1250  
Revised Code. 1251

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1252  
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1253

relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1254  
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1255  
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 1256  
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1257  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 1258  
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1259  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1260  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1261  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1262  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1263  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1264  
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 1265  
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1266  
action pending in the division. 1267

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1268  
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1269  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1270  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1271  
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 1272  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1273  
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 1274  
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 1275  
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 1276  
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 1277  
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1278  
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 1279  
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 1280  
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 1281  
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1282  
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1283  
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1284  
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1285  
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1286

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

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

(K) In Butler county:

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

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1319  
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 1320  
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1321  
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1322  
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 1323  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1324  
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 1325  
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 1326  
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1327  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1328  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1329  
division. 1330

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 1331  
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1332  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1333  
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1334  
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1335  
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1336  
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 1337  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1338  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1339  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1340

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1341  
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1342  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1343  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1344  
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 1345  
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1346  
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1347  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1348  
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1349  
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 1350

service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1351  
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 1352  
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1353  
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1354  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1355  
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1356  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1357

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 1358  
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1359  
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1360  
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1361  
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1362  
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 1363  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1364  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1365  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1366

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1367  
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1368  
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1369  
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1370  
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1371  
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1372

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 1373  
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 1374  
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 1375  
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1376  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1377  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1378  
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1379  
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1380  
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1381  
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1382

to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1383  
reason. 1384

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 1385  
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 1386  
the following powers concerning division personnel: 1387

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1388  
supervision; 1389

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1390  
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1391

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 1392  
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 1393  
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 1394  
and annulment matters. 1395

(M) In Lake county: 1396

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1397  
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1398  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1399  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1400  
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1401  
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1402  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1403  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1404  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1405  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1406  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1407  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1408  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1409  
division. 1410

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1411  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1412  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1413

of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1414  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1415  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1416  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1417  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1418  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1419  
services. 1420

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1421  
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1422  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1423  
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1424  
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1425  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1426  
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1427  
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1428  
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1429  
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1430  
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1431  
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1432  
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1433  
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1434  
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1435  
duties. 1436

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1437  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1438  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1439  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1440  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1441  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1442  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1443  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1444  
services. 1445

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

(N) In Erie county:

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9,



2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 1478  
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 1479  
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 1480  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1481  
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 1482  
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 1483  
Revised Code. 1484

(0) In Greene county: 1485

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1486  
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1487  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1488  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1489  
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 1490  
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1491  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1492  
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 1493  
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 1494  
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1495  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1496  
pleas. 1497

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1498  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1499  
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1500  
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1501  
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1502  
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1503  
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1504  
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1505  
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1506  
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1507  
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1508  
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1509

division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1510  
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1511  
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 1512  
the court of common pleas. 1513

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1514  
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1515  
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1516  
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1517  
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 1518  
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 1519  
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 1520  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1521  
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1522  
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 1523  
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1524  
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1525  
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1526  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1527  
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1528  
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1529

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1530  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1531  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1532  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1533  
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1534  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 1535  
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1536  
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1537

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1538  
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1539  
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1540  
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 1541

general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 1542  
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 1543

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1544  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1545  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1546  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1547  
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 1548  
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1549  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1550  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1551  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1552  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1553  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1554  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1555  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1556  
division. 1557

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1558  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1559  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1560  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1561  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1562  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1563  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1564  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1565  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1566  
services. 1567

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1568  
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1569  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1570  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1571  
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1572  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1573

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1574  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1575  
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1576  
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1577  
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1578  
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1579  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1580  
division. 1581

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1582  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1583  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1584  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1585  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1586  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1587  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1588  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1589  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1590  
services. 1591

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1592  
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1593  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1594  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1595  
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1596  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1597  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1598  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1599  
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1600  
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1601  
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1602  
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1603  
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1604  
division. 1605

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1606  
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1607  
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1608  
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1609  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1610  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1611  
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1612  
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1613  
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1614  
services. 1615

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1616  
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2005, 1617  
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1618  
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1619  
the other judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county 1620  
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1621  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges shall be 1622  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1623  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1624  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1625  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1626  
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1627  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1628  
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1629  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1630  
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1631  
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1632  
be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1633  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1634  
of the division. 1635

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1636  
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1637

allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1638  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1639  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1640  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1641  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1642  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1643  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1644  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1645  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1646  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1647  
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1648  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1649  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1650  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1651

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1652  
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1653  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1654  
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1655  
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1656  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1657  
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1658  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1659  
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1660  
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1661  
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1662  
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1663  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1664  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1665  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1666  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1667  
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1668  
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1669  
of the division. 1670

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1671  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1672  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1673  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1674  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1675  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1676  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1677  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1678  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1679  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1680  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1681  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1682  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1683  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1684  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1685

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1686  
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1687  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1688  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1689  
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1690  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1691  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1692  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1693  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1694  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1695  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1696  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1697  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1698  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1699  
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1700  
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1701  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1702  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1703

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1704  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1705  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1706  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1707  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1708  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1709  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1710  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1711  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1712  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1713  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1714  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1715  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1716  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1717  
request the services. 1718

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1719  
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1720  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1721  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1722  
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1723  
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1724  
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1725  
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1726  
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1727  
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1728  
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1729  
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1730  
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1731  
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1732  
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1733  
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1734  
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1735  
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1736



hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1737  
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1738  
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1739  
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1740  
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1741  
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1742  
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1743  
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1744  
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1745  
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1746  
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1747  
probate-juvenile division of the court of commonpleas of 1748  
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1749  
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1750  
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1751

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1752  
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1753  
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1754  
division. 1755

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1756  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1757  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1758  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1759  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1760  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1761  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1762  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1763  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1764  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1765  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1766  
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1767  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1768

persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1769  
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1770  
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1771  
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1772  
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1773  
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1774  
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1775  
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1776  
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1777  
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1778  
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1779  
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1780  
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1781  
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1782  
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1783  
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1784  
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1785  
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1786  
of cases. 1787

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1788  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1789  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1790  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1791  
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1792  
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1793  
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1794  
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1795  
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 1796  
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 1797  
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 1798  
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1799  
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 1800  
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 1801

domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 1802  
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 1803  
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 1804  
division. 1805

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1806  
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1807  
services board and the county advisory board. 1808

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1809  
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1810  
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1811  
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1812  
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1813  
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1814  
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1815  
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1816  
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1817  
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1818  
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1819  
court. 1820

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1821  
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1822  
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1823  
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1824  
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1825  
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1826  
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1827  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1828  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1829  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1830  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1831  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1832  
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1833

matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1834  
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1835  
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1836  
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1837  
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1838

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1839  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1840  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1841  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1842  
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1843  
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1844  
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1845  
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1846  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1847  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1848  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1849  
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1850  
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1851  
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1852  
request the services. 1853

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1854  
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1855  
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1856  
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1857  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1858  
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1859  
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1860  
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1861  
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1862  
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1863  
the judge's various duties. 1864

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1865

pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1866  
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1867  
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1868  
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1869  
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1870  
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1871  
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1872  
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1873  
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1874  
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1875  
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1876  
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1877  
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1878  
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1879  
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1880  
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1881  
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1882  
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1883  
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 1884  
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 1885  
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 1886  
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 1887  
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 1888  
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 1889  
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 1890  
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1891  
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1892  
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1893  
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1894  
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1895  
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1896

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1897  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1898

judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1899  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1900  
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1901  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1902  
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1903  
Marion county. 1904

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1905  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1906  
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1907  
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1908  
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1909  
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1910  
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1911  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1912  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1913  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1914  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1915  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1916  
common pleas of Marion county. 1917

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1918  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1919  
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1920  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1921  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1922  
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1923  
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 1924  
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1925  
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1926  
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1927  
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1928  
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1929  
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1930

all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1931  
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1932  
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge 1933  
shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of 1934  
the division and with the employment and supervision of the 1935  
personnel of the division. 1936

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1937  
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1938  
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1939  
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1940  
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1941  
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1942  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1943  
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1944  
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1945  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1946  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1947  
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1948  
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1949  
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1950  
pending in the division, who request the services. 1951

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1952  
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 1953  
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1954  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1955  
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 1956  
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1957  
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1958  
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 1959  
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 1960  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1961  
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1962

separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of the court of common pleas.

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



concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1996  
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1997  
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1998  
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1999  
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 2000  
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 2001

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2002  
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 2003  
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 2004  
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 2005  
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 2006  
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 2007  
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2008  
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 2009  
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 2010  
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 2011  
to the domestic relations cases. 2012

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 2013  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2014  
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2015  
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 2016  
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2017  
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2018  
division" and the "judge of the domestic 2019  
relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2020  
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 2021  
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 2022  
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 2023  
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 2024  
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 2025

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of common 2026  
pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge of the 2027

court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2009, and the 2028  
successors to those judges, shall have the same qualifications, 2029  
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 2030  
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 2031  
Champaign county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 2032  
the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2033  
division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, those 2034  
judges, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the 2035  
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2036  
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under 2037  
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of 2038  
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings 2039  
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2040  
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2041  
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2042  
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2043  
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be 2044  
assigned to those judges and the successors to those judges. 2045  
Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised 2046  
Code, on and after February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this 2047  
division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign 2048  
county, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the 2049  
successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to 2050  
probate courts in addition to the powers previously specified in 2051  
this division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters 2052  
that are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2053  
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 2054  
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2055  
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this section. 2056

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to 2057  
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2058  
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed with respect 2059  
to Champaign county as being references to the "domestic 2060

relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to 2061  
the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." 2062  
On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to "the clerk 2063  
of the probate court" shall be construed with respect to Champaign 2064  
county as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant to 2065  
Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as 2066  
the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2067  
relations-juvenile-probate division. 2068

(EE) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2069  
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2070  
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2071  
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2072  
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2073  
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2074  
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2075  
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2076  
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2077

**Sec. 3521.03.** When a vacancy in the office of representative 2078  
to congress occurs, the governor, upon satisfactory information 2079  
thereof, shall issue a writ of election directing that a special 2080  
election be held to fill such vacancy in the territory entitled to 2081  
fill it on a day specified in the writ. Such writ shall be 2082  
directed to the board of elections within such territory which 2083  
shall give notice of the time and places of holding such election 2084  
as provided in section 3501.03 of the Revised Code. Such election 2085  
shall be held and conducted and returns thereof made as in case of 2086  
a regular state election. The state shall pay all costs of any 2087  
special election held under this section. 2088

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.08, 2151.07, 2301.02, 2090  
2301.03, and 3521.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2091

Section 3. That Section 249.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 2092  
127th General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 2093

Sec. 249.10. CEB CONTROLLING BOARD 2094

General Revenue Fund 2095

GRF 911-404 Mandate Assistance \$ 650,000 \$ 650,000 2096

GRF 911-441 Ballot Advertising \$ ~~300,000~~ \$ 300,000 2097

Costs 1,400,000

TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund \$ ~~950,000~~ \$ 950,000 2098

2,050,000

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$ ~~950,000~~ \$ 950,000 2099

2,050,000

DISASTER SERVICES FUND TRANSFERS TO THE EMERGENCY 2100

PURPOSES/CONTINGENCIES APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM 2101

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, 2102  
the Director of Budget and Management may, with Controlling Board 2103  
approval, transfer up to \$4,000,000 in cash, in each of fiscal 2104  
years 2008 and 2009, from the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2) to 2105  
the General Revenue Fund. Upon completion of the transfer, the 2106  
Director of Budget and Management shall appropriate the 2107  
transferred amount to appropriation item 911-401, Emergency 2108  
Purposes/Contingencies. The Controlling Board may, at the request 2109  
of any state agency or the Director of Budget and Management, 2110  
transfer all or part of the appropriation in appropriation item 2111  
911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, for the purpose of 2112  
providing disaster and emergency situation aid to state agencies 2113  
and political subdivisions in the event of disasters and emergency 2114  
situations or for the other purposes noted in this section, 2115  
including, but not limited to, costs related to the disturbance 2116  
that occurred on April 11, 1993, at the Southern Ohio Correctional 2117  
Facility in Lucasville, Ohio. 2118

FEDERAL SHARE 2119

In transferring appropriations to or from appropriation items 2120  
that have federal shares identified in ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 119 2121  
of the 127th General Assembly, the Controlling Board shall add or 2122  
subtract corresponding amounts of federal matching funds at the 2123  
percentages indicated by the state and federal division of the 2124  
appropriations in ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General 2125  
Assembly. Such changes are hereby appropriated. 2126

DISASTER ASSISTANCE 2127

Pursuant to requests submitted by the Department of Public 2128  
Safety, the Controlling Board may approve transfers from 2129  
appropriation item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, to 2130  
Department of Public Safety appropriation items to provide funding 2131  
for assistance to political subdivisions and individuals made 2132  
necessary by natural disasters or emergencies. Such transfers may 2133  
be requested and approved prior to or following the occurrence of 2134  
any specific natural disasters or emergencies in order to 2135  
facilitate the provision of timely assistance. 2136

DISASTER SERVICES 2137

Pursuant to requests submitted by the Department of Public 2138  
Safety, the Controlling Board may approve transfers from the 2139  
Disaster Services Fund (5E2) to a Department of Public Safety fund 2140  
and appropriation item to provide for assistance to political 2141  
subdivisions made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies. 2142  
These transfers may be requested and approved prior to the 2143  
occurrence of any specific natural disasters or emergencies in 2144  
order to facilitate the provision of timely assistance. The 2145  
Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Public Safety 2146  
shall use the funding to fund the State Disaster Relief Program 2147  
for disasters that have been declared by the Governor, and the 2148  
State Individual Assistance Program for disasters that have been 2149

declared by the Governor and the federal Small Business Administration. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency shall publish and make available application packets outlining procedures for the State Disaster Relief Program and the State Individual Assistance Program.

The Disaster Services Fund (5E2) shall be used by the Controlling Board, pursuant to requests submitted by state agencies, to transfer cash and appropriation authority to any fund and appropriation item for the payment of state agency disaster relief program expenses for disasters declared by the Governor, if the Director of Budget and Management determines that sufficient funds exist.

The unencumbered balance of the Disaster Services Fund (5E2) at the end of fiscal year 2008 is transferred to fiscal year 2009 for use for the same purposes as in fiscal year 2009.

SOUTHERN OHIO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY COST

The Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety and the Public Defender Commission may each request, upon approval of the Director of Budget and Management, additional funds from appropriation item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, for costs related to the disturbance that occurred on April 11, 1993, at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio.

MANDATE ASSISTANCE

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 911-404, Mandate Assistance, shall be used to provide financial assistance to local units of government and school districts for the cost of the following two state mandates:

(1) The cost to county prosecutors for prosecuting certain felonies that occur on the grounds of state institutions operated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the

Department of Youth Services;			2181
(2) The cost to school districts of in-service training for			2182
child abuse detection.			2183
(B) The Division of Criminal Justice Services in the			2184
Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education may			2185
prepare and submit to the Controlling Board one or more requests			2186
to transfer appropriations from appropriation item 911-404,			2187
Mandate Assistance. The state agencies charged with this			2188
administrative responsibility are listed below, as well as the			2189
estimated annual amounts that may be used for each program of			2190
state financial assistance.			2191
		ESTIMATED	2192
	ADMINISTERING	ANNUAL	2193
PROGRAM	AGENCY	AMOUNT	2194
Prosecution Costs	Division of Criminal	\$150,000	2195
	Justice Services		2196
Child Abuse Detection	Department of	\$500,000	2197
Training Costs	Education		
(C) Subject to the total amount appropriated in each fiscal			2198
year for appropriation item 911-404, Mandate Assistance, the			2199
Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public			2200
Safety and the Department of Education may request from the			2201
Controlling Board that amounts smaller or larger than these			2202
estimated annual amounts be transferred to each program.			2203
(D) In addition to making the initial transfers requested by			2204
the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of			2205
Public Safety and the Department of Education, the Controlling			2206
Board may transfer appropriations received by a state agency under			2207
this section back to appropriation item 911-404, Mandate			2208
Assistance, or to the other program of state financial assistance			2209
identified under this section.			2210

(E) It is expected that not all costs incurred by local units of government and school districts under each of the two programs of state financial assistance identified in this section will be fully reimbursed by the state. Reimbursement levels may vary by program and shall be based on: the relationship between the appropriation transfers requested by the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education and provided by the Controlling Board for each of the programs; the rules and procedures established for each program by the administering state agency; and the actual costs incurred by local units of government and school districts.

(F) Each of these programs of state financial assistance shall be carried out as follows:

(1) PROSECUTION COSTS

(a) Appropriations may be transferred to the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety to cover local prosecution costs for aggravated murder, murder, felonies of the first degree, and felonies of the second degree that occur on the grounds of institutions operated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Department of Youth Services.

(b) Upon a delinquency filing in juvenile court or the return of an indictment for aggravated murder, murder, or any felony of the first or second degree that was committed at a Department of Youth Services or a Department of Rehabilitation and Correction institution, the affected county may, in accordance with rules that the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety shall adopt, apply to the Division of Criminal Justice Services for a grant to cover all documented costs that are incurred by the county prosecutor's office.

(c) Twice each year, the Division of Criminal Justice



Services in the Department of Public Safety shall designate 2242  
counties to receive grants from those counties that have submitted 2243  
one or more applications in compliance with the rules that have 2244  
been adopted by the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the 2245  
receipt of such grants. In each year's first round of grant 2246  
awards, if sufficient appropriations have been made, up to a total 2247  
of \$100,000 may be awarded. In each year's second round of grant 2248  
awards, the remaining appropriations available for this purpose 2249  
may be awarded. 2250

(d) If for a given round of grants there are insufficient 2251  
appropriations to make grant awards to all the eligible counties, 2252  
the first priority shall be given to counties with cases involving 2253  
aggravated murder and murder; second priority shall be given to 2254  
counties with cases involving a felony of the first degree; and 2255  
third priority shall be given to counties with cases involving a 2256  
felony of the second degree. Within these priorities, the grant 2257  
awards shall be based on the order in which the applications were 2258  
received, except that applications for cases involving a felony of 2259  
the first or second degree shall not be considered in more than 2260  
two consecutive rounds of grant awards. 2261

(2) CHILD ABUSE DETECTION TRAINING COSTS 2262

Appropriations may be transferred to the Department of 2263  
Education for disbursement to local school districts as full or 2264  
partial reimbursement for the cost of providing in-service 2265  
training for child abuse detection. In accordance with rules that 2266  
the department shall adopt, a local school district may apply to 2267  
the department for a grant to cover all documented costs that are 2268  
incurred to provide in-service training for child abuse detection. 2269  
The department shall make grants within the limits of the funding 2270  
provided. 2271

(G) Any moneys allocated within appropriation item 911-404, 2272  
Mandate Assistance, not fully utilized may, upon application of 2273

the Ohio Public Defender Commission, and with the approval of the 2274  
Controlling Board, be disbursed to boards of county commissioners 2275  
to provide additional reimbursement for the costs incurred by 2276  
counties in providing defense to indigent defendants pursuant to 2277  
Chapter 120. of the Revised Code. Application for the unutilized 2278  
funds shall be made by the Ohio Public Defender Commission at the 2279  
first June meeting of the Controlling Board. 2280

The amount to be disbursed to each county shall be allocated 2281  
proportionately on the basis of the total amount of reimbursement 2282  
paid to each county as a percentage of the amount of reimbursement 2283  
paid to all of the counties during the most recent state fiscal 2284  
year for which data is available and as calculated by the Ohio 2285  
Public Defender Commission. 2286

BALLOT ADVERTISING COSTS 2287

Pursuant to requests submitted by the Ohio Ballot Board, the 2288  
Controlling Board shall approve transfers from the foregoing 2289  
appropriation item 911-441, Ballot Advertising Costs, to ~~an Ohio~~ 2290  
~~Ballot Board~~ the Secretary of State appropriation item in order to 2291  
~~reimburse county boards of elections~~ pay for the cost of public 2292  
notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives. 2293

Of the foregoing appropriation item 911-441, Ballot 2294  
Advertising Costs, up to \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2008 shall be 2295  
used to reimburse county boards of elections for all costs of 2296  
conducting any special election during fiscal year 2008. 2297

**Section 4.** That existing Section 249.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 2298  
of the 127th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 2299

**Section 5.** That Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 126th 2300  
General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 2301

Sec. 6. (A) There is hereby created the Joint Committee to	2302
Study Court Costs and Filing Fees consisting of the following	2303
seventeen members:	2304
(1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed	2305
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of the members	2306
representing the House Majority Caucus and one member representing	2307
the House Minority Caucus;	2308
(2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of	2309
the Senate, two members representing the Senate Majority Caucus	2310
and one member representing the Senate Minority Caucus;	2311
(3) One judge of a court of common pleas and one municipal	2312
court judge each appointed by the Chief Justice of the Ohio	2313
Supreme Court;	2314
(4) Two clerks of court appointed by the Chief Justice of the	2315
Ohio Supreme Court;	2316
(5) Two court administrators appointed by the Chief Justice	2317
of the Ohio Supreme Court;	2318
(6) The Administrative Director of the Ohio Supreme Court;	2319
(7) One member of a state or county bar association appointed	2320
by the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court;	2321
(8) One county commissioner and one member of the Ohio	2322
Municipal League each jointly appointed by the Speaker of the	2323
House of Representatives and the President of the Senate;	2324
(9) One individual to represent the public jointly appointed	2325
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President	2326
of the Senate.	2327
(B)(1) The appointments to the Committee shall be made not	2328
later than ninety days after the effective date of this act.	2329
Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled in the manner provided	2330

for the original appointments. 2331

(2) Two members of the Committee shall be designated to serve 2332  
as co-chairpersons. The Speaker of the House of Representatives 2333  
and the President of the Senate shall jointly designate one 2334  
co-chairperson. The Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court shall 2335  
designate one co-chairperson. 2336

(3) The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry 2337  
out the Committee's official duties. The members of the Committee 2338  
shall serve without compensation. The staff of the Legislative 2339  
Service Commission and the employees of the Ohio Supreme Court 2340  
shall provide staff support for the Committee. 2341

(C) The Committee shall study the determination, assessment, 2342  
collection, and allocation of court costs and filing fees in 2343  
criminal actions and in civil actions and proceedings in this 2344  
state, including the amount of court costs and filing fees paid by 2345  
the parties to civil actions and proceedings or by defendants in 2346  
criminal actions. The Committee also shall review and study where 2347  
the money collected is deposited. Based on the Committee's 2348  
findings, the Committee shall prepare recommendations for any 2349  
changes that the Committee believes need to be made to the current 2350  
system for court costs and filing fees. 2351

(D) The Committee shall submit written findings and 2352  
recommendations not later than one year and six months after the 2353  
effective date of this act to the justices and Chief Justice of 2354  
the Ohio Supreme Court, the General Assembly, and the Governor. On 2355  
the Committee's submission of its written findings and 2356  
recommendations, the Committee shall cease to exist. 2357

(E) All meetings of the Committee are public meetings and 2358  
shall be open to the public at all times. A member of the 2359  
Committee shall be present in person at a meeting that is open to 2360  
the public in order to be considered present or to vote at the 2361

meeting and for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is 2362  
present. The chairs of the Committee shall promptly prepare and 2363  
maintain the minutes of the meetings, and the minutes shall be 2364  
public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The 2365  
committee shall give reasonable notice of the Committee's meetings 2366  
so that any person may determine the time and place of all 2367  
scheduled meetings. The Committee shall not hold a meeting unless 2368  
the Committee gives at least twenty-four hours advance notice to 2369  
the news media organizations that have requested notification of 2370  
the Committee's meetings. 2371

**Section 6.** That existing Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 2372  
126th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 2373

**Section 7.** On and after January 1, 2008, the part-time judge 2374  
of the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court shall serve as the full-time 2375  
judge of the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court until the end of the 2376  
judge's term, shall receive the salary specified in the Revised 2377  
Code for the full-time judge of a municipal court, and shall be 2378  
subject to any restriction specified in the Revised Code for the 2379  
full-time judge of a municipal court. 2380

**Section 8.** The declarations of candidacy and petitions for 2381  
the office of judge of the probate division or for the office of 2382  
judge of the probate-juvenile division of the Court of Common 2383  
Pleas of Champaign County to be elected in 2008, term to begin 2384  
February 9, 2009, that contain signatures that were affixed prior 2385  
to the effective date of this act shall be accepted for the office 2386  
of judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of 2387  
the Court of Common Pleas of Champaign County to be elected in 2388  
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009, if those declarations of 2389  
candidacy and petitions meet the other requirements of Title XXXV 2390  
of the Revised Code. The declarations of candidacy and petitions 2391

for the office of judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2392  
division of the Court of Common Pleas of Champaign County to be 2393  
elected in 2008, term to begin February 10, 2009, that contain 2394  
signatures that were affixed prior to the effective date of this 2395  
act shall be accepted if those declarations of candidacy and 2396  
petitions meet the other requirements of Title XXXV of the Revised 2397  
Code. The declarations of candidacy and petitions for the office 2398  
of judge of the general division of the Court of Common Pleas of 2399  
Hamilton County to be elected in 2008, term to begin January 3, 2400  
2009, that contain signatures that were affixed prior to the 2401  
effective date of this act shall be accepted for the office of the 2402  
drug court judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County 2403  
to be elected in 2008, term to begin January 3, 2009, if those 2404  
declarations of candidacy and petitions meet the other 2405  
requirements of Title XXXV of the Revised Code. 2406

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**Section 9.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2408  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2409  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 2410  
enactment into law at the earliest possible time is necessary to 2411  
provide sufficient time for candidates for the new judgeship of 2412  
the Champaign County Court of Common Pleas to file declarations of 2413  
candidacy and nominating petitions. Therefore, this act shall go 2414  
into immediate effect. 2415