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To amend sections 1901.08, 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03,	1
2903.13, and 2903.21 and to enact sections 141.06	2
and 2101.025 of the Revised Code and to amend	3
Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 126th General	4
Assembly to specify the rate of compensation of a	5
member of the current or previous General Assembly	6
who is appointed to judicial office, to create a	7
Domestic Relations-Juvenile-Probate Division of	8
the Champaign County Court of Common Pleas, to	9
designate the Champaign County Probate and	10
Juvenile Judge as a judge of that division, to add	11
a judge to that division to be elected in 2008, to	12
make the Hamilton County Drug Court permanent, to	13
extend the deadline by which the report of the	14
Joint Committee to Study Court Costs and Filing	15
Fees is due, to change the status of the judge of	16
the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court from part-time	17
to full-time, to make an assault or aggravated	18

menacing committed in a courthouse a felony of the 19
fifth degree, and to declare an emergency. 20
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 1901.08, 2151.07, 2301.02, 2301.03, 22
2903.13, and 2903.21 be amended and sections 141.06 and 2101.025 23
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 24

Sec. 141.06. A member of the current general assembly, or a 25
person who was a member of the current or previous general 26
assembly, who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of 27
the chief justice or a justice of the supreme court or of any 28
judge shall receive compensation for the balance of that unexpired 29
term at the rate that was in effect for that office on the last 30
day of the general assembly prior to the one during which the 31
person was appointed. 32

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 33
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 34
their terms shall be as follows: 35

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 36
elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, 37
one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time 38
judge shall be elected in 1975. 39

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 40
elected in 1953. 41

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 42
elected in 1951. 43

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall 44
be elected in 1953. 45

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 46
shall be elected in 1967. 47

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge 48
shall be elected in 1975. 49

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one part-time judge shall 50
be elected in 1957. 51

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 52
be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 53
1971. 54

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 55
elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. 56

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 57
shall be elected in 1993. 58

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 59
elected in 1951. 60

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 61
elected in 2005. 62

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 63
shall be elected in 1983. 64

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 65
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the 66
part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed 67
prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 68
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 69
until December 31, 2005. 70

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 71
elected in 1965. 72

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall 73
be elected in 1951. 74

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 75
elected in 1963. 76

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 77
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and 78
two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 79

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 80
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 81
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 82
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 83
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 84
December 31, 2009. 85

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 86
elected in 1957. 87

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time judge 88
shall be elected in 2001. 89

In the Chardon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 90
elected in 1963. 91

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge shall 92
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 93
1977. 94

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 95
be elected in 1953. 96

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 97
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 98
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield municipal 99
court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as the judges 100
of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until 101
the end of their respective terms. 102

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time judges 103
shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected 104

in 1999. 105

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges shall 106
be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be elected in 107
1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 1955. 108

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 109
shall be elected in 1957. 110

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 111
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 112
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 113
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the 114
end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 115

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 116
judges shall be elected in 2001. 117

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 118
elected in 1953. 119

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 120
be elected in 1951. 121

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time judge 122
shall be elected in 1977. 123

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 124
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected 125
in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal 126
court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the Cuyahoga 127
Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this section in 128
2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, and January 129
1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time judges of the Stow 130
municipal court until December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2013, 131
respectively. 132

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 133
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time 134

judge of the Darke county court that existed prior to that 135
date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the 136
full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 137
31, 2005. 138

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges shall 139
be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive days 140
beginning on the first day of January next after their election, 141
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, their terms to 142
commence on successive days beginning on the second day of January 143
next after their election. 144

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 145
elected in 1957. 146

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 147
elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. 148

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 149
shall be elected in 1957. 150

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 151
shall be elected in 1953. 152

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 153
elected in 1973. 154

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 155
elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 156

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall 157
be elected in 2007. 158

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 159
elected in 1951. 160

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 161
elected in 1977. 162

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge 163
shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected 164

in 2005. 165

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall 166
be elected in 1989. 167

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 168
elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993. 169

In the Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 170
elected in 1975. 171

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 172
elected in 1951. 173

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges 174
shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected 175
in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one 176
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge 177
shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected 178
in 1997. 179

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 180
elected in 1975. 181

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall 182
be elected in 1981. 183

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 184
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected 185
in 1981. 186

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 187
elected in 1963. 188

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 189
elected in 1953. 190

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time judges 191
shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be elected 192
in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, and two 193
full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of judges of 194

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

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 201
shall be elected in 1989. 202

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one part-time judge shall 203
be elected in 1957. 204

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 205
shall be elected in 1977. 206

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 207
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part-time 208
judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior to that 209
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the 210
full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal court until 211
December 31, 2007. 212

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 213
elected in 1967. 214

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 215
elected in 1951. 216

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 217
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the 218
part-time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was 219
elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 220
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 221

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall 222
be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 223
1975. 224

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 225
elected in 1955. 226

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge shall 227
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 228
1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges of the 229
Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1999 shall 230
serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the 231
end of those judges' terms. 232

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge 233
shall be elected in 1981. 234

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 235
elected in 1955. 236

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 237
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected 238
in 1971. 239

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 240
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. 241

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 242
elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 243

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one part-time judge shall 244
be elected in 1957. 245

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 246
shall be elected in 1981. 247

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall 248
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 249
1969. 250

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 251
elected in 1957. 252

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 253
elected in 1951. 254

In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 255
be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time 256
judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005 257
shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of 258
that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 259

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 260
elected in 1965. 261

In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 262
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 263
1971. 264

In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 265
elected in 1963. 266

In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 267
elected in 1957. 268

In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 269
elected in 1971. 270

In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge 271
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected 272
in 1979. 273

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one part-time judge shall 274
be elected in 1951. 275

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall 276
be elected in 1953. 277

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 278
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part-time 279
judge of the Morrow county court that existed prior to that 280
date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow county 281
municipal court until December 31, 2005. 282

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 283
shall be elected in 1951. 284

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	285
elected in 2005.	286
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge	287
shall be elected in 1975.	288
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	289
shall be elected in 1963.	290
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	291
elected in 1951.	292
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	293
elected in 1975.	294
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	295
elected in 1953.	296
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	297
elected in 1989.	298
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	299
elected in 1963.	300
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	301
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	302
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the	303
judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994,	304
until the end of that judge's term.	305
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall	306
be elected in 1951.	307
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	308
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and	309
one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	310
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall	311
be elected in 1977.	312
In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges	313

shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected 314
in 1971. 315

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 316
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton 317
municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of 318
the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the 319
end of that judge's term. 320

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 321
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 322
1985. 323

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall 324
be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 325
1971. 326

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 327
elected in 1953. 328

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 329
shall be elected in 1957. 330

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 331
elected in 1957. 332

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 333
elected in 1995. 334

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 335
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 336
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 337
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 338
January 1, 2000. 339

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 340
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be elected 341
in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the Springfield 342
municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as the judges of 343

the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the 344
end of their respective terms. 345

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 346
shall be elected in 1953. 347

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 348
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 349
Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 350
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 351
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge of 352
the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 353
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 354
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 355
2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court 356
until December 31, 2009. 357

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall 358
be elected in 1963. 359

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

In the Tiffin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 362
elected in 1953. 363

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 364
elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, 365
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 366

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one ~~part-time~~ 367
full-time judge shall be elected in ~~1957~~ 2011. The part-time judge 368
elected in 2005, whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall 369
serve as a full-time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the 370
expiration of that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the 371
office of that judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 372

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 373

elected in 1959. 374

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 375
elected in 1957. 376

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge shall 377
be elected in 1965. 378

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 379
be elected in 1981. 380

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 381
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 382

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time 383
judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 384
1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 385
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 386
January 1, 2000. 387

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 388
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected 389
in 1979. 390

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall 391
be elected in 1951. 392

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall 393
be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington 394
municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the 395
Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of 396
that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 397

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 398
elected in 1977. 399

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall 400
be elected in 1951, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 401
1953. 402

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 403

be elected in 1953.

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

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

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

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Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 436
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 437
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 438
shall be as follows: 439

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 440
elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 441

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 442
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term 443
to begin February 9, 1955; 444

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 445
begin January 9, 1957; 446

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 447
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 448
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin 449
January 1, 1957; 450

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 451
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, term to 452
begin January 1, 2007; 453

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 454
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 455
begin January 2, 2005; 456

In Carroll, ~~Champaign~~, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, 457
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 458
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 459

In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 460
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 2008, term 461
to begin February 10, 2009. 462

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 463

1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 464

In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 465
to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin 466
January 1, 2005; 467

In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 468
begin May 9, 1957; 469

In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to 470
begin May 14, 1953; 471

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to 472
begin July 6, 1956; 473

In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 474
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, 475
term to begin January 1, 1979; 476

(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 477
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, 478
term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 479
1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; 480

In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 481
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to 482
begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to 483
begin January 2, 1979; 484

In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 485
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to 486
begin July 1, 1991; 487

In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 488
to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, term 489
to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, term to 490
begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 2008, term 491
to begin February 9, 2009; 492

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 493

term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 494
term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 495
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 496

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 497
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 498
term to begin January 6, 1977; 499

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 500
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 501
term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, 502
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 503
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 504

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 505
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 506
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 507

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 508
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 509
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 510

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 511
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 512
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 513
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 514

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 515
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 516
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 517
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 518

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term 519
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to 520
begin on January 1, 1971; 521

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 522
term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to 523

begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to 524
begin January 2, 2003; 525

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 526
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 527
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 528
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 529

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 530
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, 531
term to begin January 1, 1977; 532

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 533
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, 534
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 535
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 536

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 537
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, 538
term to begin January 2, 1987; 539

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 540
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, 541
term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, 542
term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 543
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 544

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 545
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term 546
to begin January 1, 1987; 547

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term 548
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term 549
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, 550
term to begin January 1, 1991; 551

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected 552
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 553

respectively; 554

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term 555
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term 556
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to 557
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term 558
to begin January 2, 1995. 559

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956, 560
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, 561
term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 562
term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, 563
term to begin January 2, 1987; and the fifth to be elected in 564
2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 565

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 566
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 567
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 568

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 569
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 570
term to begin January 1, 1995; 571

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 572
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 573
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 574
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 575
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 576
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 577
2001; 578

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 579
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 580
begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 581
January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin 582
January 1, 2005; 583

In Lorain county, ten judges, two to be elected in 1952, 584

terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 585
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 586
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 587
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 588
1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 589
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; one to be 590
elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007; and one to be 591
elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009, as described in 592
division (C)(1)(c) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code; 593

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956, 594
term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to 595
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to 596
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be 597
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected 598
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, 599
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 600
1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003, 601
and January 3, 2003, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, 602
term to begin January 3, 2007; 603

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 604
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 605
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968, 606
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 607
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 608

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 609
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 610
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 611

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 612
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 613
begin January 2, 1969; 614

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 615

term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 616
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 617
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 618
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 619
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 620
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 621

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 622
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from 623
January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 624
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 625
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 626
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 627
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 628
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 629
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 630
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 631
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 632
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 633
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 634
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 635
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 636
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 637
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 638
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 639
14, 1987, respectively; 640

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected in 641
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 642
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 643
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 644
begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 645
1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to 646
be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 647

January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, 648
term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to 649
begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin 650
July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 651
1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 652
2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 653

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 654
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 655
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 656
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 657
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 658
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 659
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 660
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 661
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 662
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 663
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 664

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 665
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 666
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 667
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 668
1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 669
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 670
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 671
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 672
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 673
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 674
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 675
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 676
1993; 677

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 678
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 679

February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 680
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 681
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 682
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 683
1991; 684

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 685
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 686
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 687
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, 688
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 689
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 690
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 691
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 692
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 693
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 694
1, 1993. 695

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 696
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 697
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 698
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 699
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 700
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 701
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 702

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 703
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 704
1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 705
1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 706
1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin 707
January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 708
5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one 709
to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to 710
be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 711

2009, respectively. 712

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 713
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 714
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 715
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 716
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 717
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 718
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 719
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 720
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 721
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 722
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 723
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 724
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 725
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 726

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 727
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 728
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 729
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and Wyandot 730
counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected 731
pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate 732
division, except in Lorain county in which the judges of the 733
domestic relations division of the Lorain county court of common 734
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 735
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division, and 736
except in Morrow county in which the judges of the court of common 737
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 738
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division. 739

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 740
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 741
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 742

successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 743
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 744
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 745
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 746
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 747
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 748
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 749
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 750
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 751
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 752
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 753
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 754
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 755
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 756

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(B) In Hamilton county: 758

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 759
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 760
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 761
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 762
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 763
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 764

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 765
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 766
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 767
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 768
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 769
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 770
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 771
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 772
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 773
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 774

majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 775
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 776
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 777
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 778
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 779
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 780
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 781
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 782
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 783
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 784
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 785
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 786

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 787
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 788
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 789
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 790
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 791
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 792
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 793
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 794
discharge of their various duties. 795

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 796
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 797
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 798
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 799
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 800
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 801
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 802
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 803
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 804
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 805
action pending in the division. 806

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 807
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 808
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 809
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 810
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 811
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 812
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 813
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 814
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 815
domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 816
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 817
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 818

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 819
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 820
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 821
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 822
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 823

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 824
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 825
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 826
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 827
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 828
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 829
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 830
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 831
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 832
in the case involved. 833

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 834
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the ~~successor~~ successors 835
to that judge ~~whose term begins on January 3, 2003,~~ shall each be 836
elected and designated ~~for one term only~~ as the drug court judge 837
of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. ~~The successors to~~ 838

~~the judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected~~ 839
~~and designated as judges of the general division of the court of~~ 840
~~common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority~~ 841
~~granted by division (B)(3) of this section.~~ The drug court judge 842
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 843
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 844
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 845
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 846
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 847
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 848
pronounce and enter sentence. 849

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 850
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 851
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 852
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 853
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 854
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 855
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 856
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 857
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 858
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 859
and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 860
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 861
the case. 862

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 863
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 864
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 865
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 866
following apply: 867

(a) One of the following applies: 868

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 869
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 870

or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 871
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 872
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 873

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 874
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 875
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 876
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 877
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 878
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 879
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 880

(b) All of the following apply: 881

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 882
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory 883
prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be 884
imposed. 885

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 886

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 887

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 888
drug or alcohol driven. 889

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 890
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 891

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 892

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 893
approves of the referral. 894

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 895
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 896
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 897
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 898
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 899
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 900

the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 901
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 902
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 903
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 904
the drug court judge. 905

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 906
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 907
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised 908
Code. 909

(C)(1) In Lorain county: 910

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 911
on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, January 2, 1999, and February 912
9, 2009, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 913
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 914
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 915
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 916
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 917
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 918
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 919
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 920
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 921
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 922
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 923
judge of the court of common pleas. 924

(b) On and after January 1, 2006, the judges of the court of 925
common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the 926
powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this 927
section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the 928
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other 929
provisions of the Revised Code. From January 1, 2006, through 930
February 8, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas, 931
division of domestic relations, shall exercise probate 932

jurisdiction concurrently with the probate judge. 933

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 934
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the 935
successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term 936
that began on February 9, 2003. 937

(2)(a) From January 1, 2006, through February 8, 2009, with 938
respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate 939
court shall be construed as references to both the probate court 940
and the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 941
all references in law to the probate judge shall be construed as 942
references to both the probate judge and the judges of the court 943
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. On and after 944
February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in 945
law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the 946
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all 947
references to the probate judge shall be construed as references 948
to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 949
relations. 950

(b) On and after February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain 951
county, all references in law to the clerk of the probate court 952
shall be construed as references to the judge who is serving 953
pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts 954
of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, 955
division of domestic relations. 956

(D) In Lucas county: 957

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 958
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 959
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 960
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 961
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 962
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 963

domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 964
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 965

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 966
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 967
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 968
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 969
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 970
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 971

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 972
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 973
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 974
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 975
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 976
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 977
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 978
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 979
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 980
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 981
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 982
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 983
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 984
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 985
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 986
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 987
the discharge of their various duties. 988

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 989
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 990
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 991
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 992
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 993
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 994
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 995

conciliation services that may be made available to persons 996
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 997
action pending in the division. 998

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 999
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1000
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1001
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1002
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 1003
the judges of the other of those divisions. 1004

(E) In Mahoning county: 1005

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1006
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1007
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1008
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1009
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1010
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1011
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1012
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1013
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1014
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1015
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1016
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1017
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1018
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1019
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1020
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 1021
the various duties of the judge's office. 1022

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1023
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1024
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1025
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1026
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1027

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1028
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 1029
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1030
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1031
action pending in the division. 1032

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 1033
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1034
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1035
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1036
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1037
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1038
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1039
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1040
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1041
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 1042
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 1043
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1044
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1045
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 1046
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 1047
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1048

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1049
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1050
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1051
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1052
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1053
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 1054
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1055
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1056
action pending in the division. 1057

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1058
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1059

unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 1060
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 1061
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 1062
common pleas. 1063

(F) In Montgomery county: 1064

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1065
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 1066
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1067
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1068
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 1069
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1070
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 1071
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1072
and annulment cases. 1073

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1074
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 1075
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 1076
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 1077
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1078
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1079
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 1080
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 1081
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 1082
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1083
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 1084
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1085
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 1086

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1087
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1088
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1089
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1090
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 1091

and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1092
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 1093
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1094
Revised Code. 1095

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1096
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1097
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1098
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1099
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1100
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1101
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1102
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1103
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1104
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1105
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1106
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1107
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1108
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 1109
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 1110
division. 1111

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1112
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 1113
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1114
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 1115
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 1116
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 1117

(G) In Richland county: 1118

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1119
on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 1120
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1121
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1122
common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 1123

designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1124
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 1125
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1126
cases, all domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 1127
of the Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings arising from 1128
any case pertaining to any of those matters. The division of 1129
domestic relations has concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile 1130
division of the court of common pleas of Richland county to 1131
determine the care, custody, or control of any child not a ward of 1132
another court of this state, and to hear and determine a request 1133
for an order for the support of any child if the request is not 1134
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1135
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1136
involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for 1137
support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in 1138
cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of 1139
the juvenile court, the judge of the division of domestic 1140
relations shall be assigned and hear all cases pertaining to 1141
paternity or parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, 1142
parenting time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1143
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 1144
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1145
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1146
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 1147
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 1148
those matters. 1149

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1150
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 1151
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1152
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1153
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1154
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1155
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1156

judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1157
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1158
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1159
shall fix their duties. 1160

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1161
on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 1162
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1163
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1164
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 1165
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1166
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1167
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 1168
Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1169
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1170
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1171
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 1172
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1173
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1174
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 1175
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of 1176
those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1177
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1178
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1179
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1180

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 1181
juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1182
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 1183
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1184
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1185
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1186
magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge 1187
of the judge's various duties. 1188

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

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

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

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71

of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 1221
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 1222
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 1223
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 1224
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 1225
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 1226
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 1227
to serve. 1228

(I) In Summit county: 1229

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1230
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 1231
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1232
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1233
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 1234
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1235
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1236
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 1237
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1238
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 1239
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 1240
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 1241
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 1242
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 1243
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 1244
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1245
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 1246
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 1247
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 1248
Revised Code. 1249

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1250
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1251
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1252

have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1253
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 1254
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1255
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 1256
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1257
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1258
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1259
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1260
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1261
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1262
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 1263
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1264
action pending in the division. 1265

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1266
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1267
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1268
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1269
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 1270
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1271
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 1272
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 1273
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 1274
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 1275
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1276
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 1277
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 1278
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 1279
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1280
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 1281
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 1282
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 1283
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1284

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 1317
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 1318
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 1319
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 1320
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 1321
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1322
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 1323
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 1324
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1325
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1326
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1327
division. 1328

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 1329
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 1330
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1331
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 1332
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 1333
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1334
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 1335
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1336
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1337
pending in the division, who request the services. 1338

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 1339
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1340
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1341
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1342
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 1343
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1344
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 1345
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 1346
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1347
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 1348

service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1349
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 1350
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1351
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1352
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1353
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1354
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1355

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 1356
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1357
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1358
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1359
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1360
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 1361
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1362
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1363
pending in the division, who request the services. 1364

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1365
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1366
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1367
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1368
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1369
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1370

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 1371
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 1372
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 1373
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1374
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1375
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1376
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1377
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1378
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1379
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1380

to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1381
reason. 1382

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 1383
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 1384
the following powers concerning division personnel: 1385

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1386
supervision; 1387

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1388
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1389

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 1390
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 1391
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 1392
and annulment matters. 1393

(M) In Lake county: 1394

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1395
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1396
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1397
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1398
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1399
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1400
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1401
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1402
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1403
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1404
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1405
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1406
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1407
division. 1408

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1409
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1410
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1411

of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1412
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1413
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1414
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1415
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1416
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1417
services. 1418

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1419
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1420
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1421
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1422
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1423
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1424
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1425
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1426
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1427
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1428
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1429
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1430
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1431
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1432
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1433
duties. 1434

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1435
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1436
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1437
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1438
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1439
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1440
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1441
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1442
services. 1443

(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 1476
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 1477
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 1478
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1479
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 1480
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 1481
Revised Code. 1482

(0) In Greene county: 1483

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1484
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1485
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1486
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1487
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 1488
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1489
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1490
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 1491
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 1492
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1493
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1494
pleas. 1495

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1496
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1497
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1498
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1499
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1500
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1501
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1502
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1503
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1504
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1505
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1506
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1507

division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1508
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1509
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 1510
the court of common pleas. 1511

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1512
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1513
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1514
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1515
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 1516
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 1517
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 1518
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1519
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1520
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 1521
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1522
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1523
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1524
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1525
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1526
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1527

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1528
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1529
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1530
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1531
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1532
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 1533
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1534
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1535

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1536
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1537
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1538
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 1539

general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 1540
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 1541

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1542
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1543
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1544
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1545
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 1546
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1547
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1548
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1549
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1550
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1551
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1552
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1553
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1554
division. 1555

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1556
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1557
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1558
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1559
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1560
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1561
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1562
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1563
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1564
services. 1565

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1566
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1567
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1568
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1569
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1570
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1571

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1572
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1573
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1574
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1575
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1576
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1577
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1578
division. 1579

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1580
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1581
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1582
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1583
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1584
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1585
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1586
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1587
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1588
services. 1589

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1590
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1591
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1592
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1593
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1594
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1595
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1596
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1597
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1598
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1599
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1600
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1601
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1602
division. 1603

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1604
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1605
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1606
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1607
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1608
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1609
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1610
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1611
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1612
services. 1613

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1614
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2005, 1615
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1616
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1617
the other judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county 1618
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1619
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges shall be 1620
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1621
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1622
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1623
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1624
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1625
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1626
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1627
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1628
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1629
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1630
be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1631
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1632
of the division. 1633

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1634
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1635

allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1636
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1637
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1638
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1639
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1640
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1641
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1642
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1643
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1644
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1645
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1646
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1647
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1648
pending in the division, who request the services. 1649

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1650
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1651
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1652
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1653
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1654
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1655
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1656
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1657
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1658
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1659
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1660
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1661
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1662
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1663
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1664
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1665
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1666
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1667
of the division. 1668

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1669
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1670
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1671
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1672
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1673
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1674
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1675
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1676
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1677
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1678
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1679
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1680
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1681
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1682
pending in the division, who request the services. 1683

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1684
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1685
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1686
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1687
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1688
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1689
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1690
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1691
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1692
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1693
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1694
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1695
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1696
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1697
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1698
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1699
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1700
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1701

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1702
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1703
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1704
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1705
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1706
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1707
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1708
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1709
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1710
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1711
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1712
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1713
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1714
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1715
request the services. 1716

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1717
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1718
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1719
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1720
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1721
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1722
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1723
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1724
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1725
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1726
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1727
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1728
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1729
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1730
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1731
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1732
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1733
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1734

hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1735
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1736
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1737
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1738
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1739
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1740
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1741
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1742
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1743
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1744
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1745
probate-juvenile division of the court of commonpleas of 1746
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1747
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1748
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1749

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1750
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1751
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1752
division. 1753

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1754
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1755
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1756
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1757
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1758
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1759
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1760
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1761
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1762
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1763
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1764
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1765
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1766

persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1767
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1768
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1769
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1770
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1771
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1772
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1773
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1774
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1775
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1776
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1777
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1778
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1779
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1780
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1781
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1782
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1783
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1784
of cases. 1785

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1786
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1787
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1788
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1789
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1790
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1791
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1792
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1793
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 1794
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 1795
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 1796
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1797
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 1798
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 1799

domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 1800
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 1801
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 1802
division. 1803

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1804
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1805
services board and the county advisory board. 1806

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1807
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1808
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1809
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1810
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1811
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1812
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1813
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1814
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1815
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1816
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1817
court. 1818

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1819
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1820
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1821
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1822
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1823
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1824
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1825
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1826
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1827
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1828
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1829
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1830
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1831

matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1832
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1833
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1834
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1835
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1836

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1837
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1838
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1839
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1840
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1841
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1842
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1843
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1844
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1845
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1846
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1847
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1848
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1849
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1850
request the services. 1851

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1852
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1853
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1854
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1855
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1856
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1857
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1858
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1859
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1860
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1861
the judge's various duties. 1862

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1863

pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1864
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1865
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1866
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1867
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1868
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1869
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1870
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1871
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1872
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1873
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1874
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1875
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1876
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1877
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1878
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1879
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1880
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1881
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 1882
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 1883
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 1884
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 1885
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 1886
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 1887
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 1888
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1889
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1890
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1891
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1892
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1893
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1894

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1895
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1896

judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1897
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1898
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1899
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1900
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1901
Marion county. 1902

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1903
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1904
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1905
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1906
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1907
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1908
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1909
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1910
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1911
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1912
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1913
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1914
common pleas of Marion county. 1915

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1916
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1917
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1918
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1919
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1920
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1921
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 1922
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1923
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1924
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1925
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1926
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1927
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1928

all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1929
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1930
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge 1931
shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of 1932
the division and with the employment and supervision of the 1933
personnel of the division. 1934

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1935
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1936
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1937
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1938
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1939
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1940
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1941
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1942
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1943
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1944
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1945
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1946
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1947
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1948
pending in the division, who request the services. 1949

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1950
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 1951
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1952
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1953
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 1954
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1955
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1956
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 1957
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 1958
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1959
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1960

separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1961
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1962
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1963
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1964
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1965
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 1966
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 1967
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1968

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1969
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1970
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1971
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1972
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 1973
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1974
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1975
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1976
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1977
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1978
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1979
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1980
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1981
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1982
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1983
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1984
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1985
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1986
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1987
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 1988
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1989
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 1990
judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 1991
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 1992
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 1993

concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1994
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1995
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1996
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1997
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1998
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 1999

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2000
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 2001
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 2002
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 2003
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 2004
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 2005
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2006
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 2007
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 2008
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 2009
to the domestic relations cases. 2010

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 2011
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2012
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 2013
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 2014
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 2015
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2016
division" and the "judge of the domestic 2017
relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2018
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 2019
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 2020
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 2021
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 2022
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 2023

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of common 2024
pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge of the 2025

court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2009, and the 2026
successors to those judges, shall have the same qualifications, 2027
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 2028
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 2029
Champaign county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 2030
the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2031
division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, those 2032
judges, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the 2033
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2034
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under 2035
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of 2036
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings 2037
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2038
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 2039
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2040
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2041
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be 2042
assigned to those judges and the successors to those judges. 2043
Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised 2044
Code, on and after February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this 2045
division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign 2046
county, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the 2047
successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to 2048
probate courts in addition to the powers previously specified in 2049
this division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters 2050
that are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2051
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 2052
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2053
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this section. 2054

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to 2055
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 2056
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed with respect 2057
to Champaign county as being references to the "domestic 2058

relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to 2059
the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." 2060
On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to "the clerk 2061
of the probate court" shall be construed with respect to Champaign 2062
county as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant to 2063
Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as 2064
the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 2065
relations-juvenile-probate division. 2066

(EE) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2067
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2068
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2069
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 2070
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 2071
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 2072
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 2073
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 2074
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2075

Sec. 2903.13. (A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt 2076
to cause physical harm to another or to another's unborn. 2077

(B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to 2078
another or to another's unborn. 2079

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of assault. 2080
Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), or 2081
(5) of this section, assault is a misdemeanor of the first degree. 2082

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division, if the 2083
offense is committed by a caretaker against a functionally 2084
impaired person under the caretaker's care, assault is a felony of 2085
the fourth degree. If the offense is committed by a caretaker 2086
against a functionally impaired person under the caretaker's care, 2087
if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty 2088
to a violation of this section or section 2903.11 or 2903.16 of 2089

the Revised Code, and if in relation to the previous conviction 2090
the offender was a caretaker and the victim was a functionally 2091
impaired person under the offender's care, assault is a felony of 2092
the third degree. 2093

(2) If the offense is committed in any of the following 2094
circumstances, assault is a felony of the fifth degree: 2095

(a) The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a state 2096
correctional institution or an institution of the department of 2097
youth services, the victim of the offense is an employee of the 2098
department of rehabilitation and correction, the department of 2099
youth services, or a probation department or is on the premises of 2100
the particular institution for business purposes or as a visitor, 2101
and the offense is committed by a person incarcerated in the state 2102
correctional institution, by a person institutionalized in the 2103
department of youth services institution pursuant to a commitment 2104
to the department of youth services, by a parolee, by an offender 2105
under transitional control, under a community control sanction, or 2106
on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release control, or 2107
by an offender under any other type of supervision by a government 2108
agency. 2109

(b) The offense occurs in or on the grounds of a local 2110
correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of 2111
the local correctional facility or a probation department or is on 2112
the premises of the facility for business purposes or as a 2113
visitor, and the offense is committed by a person who is under 2114
custody in the facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any 2115
crime or delinquent act, subsequent to the person's being charged 2116
with or convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person's 2117
being alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child. 2118

(c) The offense occurs off the grounds of a state 2119
correctional institution and off the grounds of an institution of 2120
the department of youth services, the victim of the offense is an 2121

employee of the department of rehabilitation and correction, the 2122
department of youth services, or a probation department, the 2123
offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while 2124
the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the 2125
offense is committed by a person incarcerated in a state 2126
correctional institution or institutionalized in the department of 2127
youth services who temporarily is outside of the institution for 2128
any purpose, by a parolee, by an offender under transitional 2129
control, under a community control sanction, or on an escorted 2130
visit, by a person under post-release control, or by an offender 2131
under any other type of supervision by a government agency. 2132

(d) The offense occurs off the grounds of a local 2133
correctional facility, the victim of the offense is an employee of 2134
the local correctional facility or a probation department, the 2135
offense occurs during the employee's official work hours and while 2136
the employee is engaged in official work responsibilities, and the 2137
offense is committed by a person who is under custody in the 2138
facility subsequent to the person's arrest for any crime or 2139
delinquent act, subsequent to the person being charged with or 2140
convicted of any crime, or subsequent to the person being alleged 2141
to be or adjudicated a delinquent child and who temporarily is 2142
outside of the facility for any purpose or by a parolee, by an 2143
offender under transitional control, under a community control 2144
sanction, or on an escorted visit, by a person under post-release 2145
control, or by an offender under any other type of supervision by 2146
a government agency. 2147

(e) The victim of the offense is a school teacher or 2148
administrator or a school bus operator, and the offense occurs in 2149
a school, on school premises, in a school building, on a school 2150
bus, or while the victim is outside of school premises or a school 2151
bus and is engaged in duties or official responsibilities 2152
associated with the victim's employment or position as a school 2153

teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, including, but 2154
not limited to, driving, accompanying, or chaperoning students at 2155
or on class or field trips, athletic events, or other school 2156
extracurricular activities or functions outside of school 2157
premises. 2158

(f) The offense occurs in a courthouse or another building or 2159
structure in which a courtroom is located. 2160

(3) If the victim of the offense is a peace officer or an 2161
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and 2162
investigation, a firefighter, or a person performing emergency 2163
medical service, while in the performance of their official 2164
duties, assault is a felony of the fourth degree. 2165

(4) If the victim of the offense is a peace officer or an 2166
investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and 2167
investigation and if the victim suffered serious physical harm as 2168
a result of the commission of the offense, assault is a felony of 2169
the fourth degree, and the court, pursuant to division (F) of 2170
section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, shall impose as a mandatory 2171
prison term one of the prison terms prescribed for a felony of the 2172
fourth degree that is at least twelve months in duration. 2173

(5) If the victim of the offense is an officer or employee of 2174
a public children services agency or a private child placing 2175
agency and the offense relates to the officer's or employee's 2176
performance or anticipated performance of official 2177
responsibilities or duties, assault is either a felony of the 2178
fifth degree or, if the offender previously has been convicted of 2179
or pleaded guilty to an offense of violence, the victim of that 2180
prior offense was an officer or employee of a public children 2181
services agency or private child placing agency, and that prior 2182
offense related to the officer's or employee's performance or 2183
anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, a 2184
felony of the fourth degree. 2185

(D) As used in this section:	2186
(1) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.	2187 2188
(2) "Firefighter" has the same meaning as in section 3937.41 of the Revised Code.	2189 2190
(3) "Emergency medical service" has the same meaning as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.	2191 2192
(4) "Local correctional facility" means a county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse, a minimum security jail established under section 341.23 or 753.21 of the Revised Code, or another county, multicounty, municipal, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal facility used for the custody of persons arrested for any crime or delinquent act, persons charged with or convicted of any crime, or persons alleged to be or adjudicated a delinquent child.	2193 2194 2195 2196 2197 2198 2199 2200
(5) "Employee of a local correctional facility" means a person who is an employee of the political subdivision or of one or more of the affiliated political subdivisions that operates the local correctional facility and who operates or assists in the operation of the facility.	2201 2202 2203 2204 2205
(6) "School teacher or administrator" means either of the following:	2206 2207
(a) A person who is employed in the public schools of the state under a contract described in section 3319.08 of the Revised Code in a position in which the person is required to have a certificate issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.311 of the Revised Code.	2208 2209 2210 2211 2212
(b) A person who is employed by a nonpublic school for which the state board of education prescribes minimum standards under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code and who is certificated in	2213 2214 2215

accordance with section 3301.071 of the Revised Code. 2216

(7) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in 2217
section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 2218

(8) "Escorted visit" means an escorted visit granted under 2219
section 2967.27 of the Revised Code. 2220

(9) "Post-release control" and "transitional control" have 2221
the same meanings as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 2222

(10) "Investigator of the bureau of criminal identification 2223
and investigation" has the same meaning as in section 2903.11 of 2224
the Revised Code. 2225

Sec. 2903.21. (A) No person shall knowingly cause another to 2226
believe that the offender will cause serious physical harm to the 2227
person or property of the other person, the other person's unborn, 2228
or a member of the other person's immediate family. 2229

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated 2230
menacing. Except as otherwise provided in this division, 2231
aggravated menacing is a misdemeanor of the first degree. If the 2232
victim of the offense is an officer or employee of a public 2233
children services agency or a private child placing agency and the 2234
offense relates to the officer's or employee's performance or 2235
anticipated performance of official responsibilities or duties, 2236
aggravated menacing is a felony of the fifth degree or, if the 2237
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to an 2238
offense of violence, the victim of that prior offense was an 2239
officer or employee of a public children services agency or 2240
private child placing agency, and that prior offense related to 2241
the officer's or employee's performance or anticipated performance 2242
of official responsibilities or duties, a felony of the fourth 2243
degree. If the offense occurs in a courthouse or another building 2244
or structure in which a courtroom is located, aggravated menacing 2245

is a felony of the fifth degree. 2246

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.08, 2151.07, 2301.02, 2247
2301.03, 2903.13, and 2903.21 of the Revised Code are hereby 2248
repealed. 2249

Section 3. That Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 126th 2250
General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 2251

Sec. 6. (A) There is hereby created the Joint Committee to 2252
Study Court Costs and Filing Fees consisting of the following 2253
seventeen members: 2254

(1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed 2255
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of the members 2256
representing the House Majority Caucus and one member representing 2257
the House Minority Caucus; 2258

(2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of 2259
the Senate, two members representing the Senate Majority Caucus 2260
and one member representing the Senate Minority Caucus; 2261

(3) One judge of a court of common pleas and one municipal 2262
court judge each appointed by the Chief Justice of the Ohio 2263
Supreme Court; 2264

(4) Two clerks of court appointed by the Chief Justice of the 2265
Ohio Supreme Court; 2266

(5) Two court administrators appointed by the Chief Justice 2267
of the Ohio Supreme Court; 2268

(6) The Administrative Director of the Ohio Supreme Court; 2269

(7) One member of a state or county bar association appointed 2270
by the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court; 2271

(8) One county commissioner and one member of the Ohio 2272
Municipal League each jointly appointed by the Speaker of the 2273

House of Representatives and the President of the Senate; 2274

(9) One individual to represent the public jointly appointed 2275
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President 2276
of the Senate. 2277

(B)(1) The appointments to the Committee shall be made not 2278
later than ninety days after the effective date of this act. 2279
Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled in the manner provided 2280
for the original appointments. 2281

(2) Two members of the Committee shall be designated to serve 2282
as co-chairpersons. The Speaker of the House of Representatives 2283
and the President of the Senate shall jointly designate one 2284
co-chairperson. The Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court shall 2285
designate one co-chairperson. 2286

(3) The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry 2287
out the Committee's official duties. The members of the Committee 2288
shall serve without compensation. The staff of the Legislative 2289
Service Commission and the employees of the Ohio Supreme Court 2290
shall provide staff support for the Committee. 2291

(C) The Committee shall study the determination, assessment, 2292
collection, and allocation of court costs and filing fees in 2293
criminal actions and in civil actions and proceedings in this 2294
state, including the amount of court costs and filing fees paid by 2295
the parties to civil actions and proceedings or by defendants in 2296
criminal actions. The Committee also shall review and study where 2297
the money collected is deposited. Based on the Committee's 2298
findings, the Committee shall prepare recommendations for any 2299
changes that the Committee believes need to be made to the current 2300
system for court costs and filing fees. 2301

(D) The Committee shall submit written findings and 2302
recommendations not later than one year and six months after the 2303
effective date of this act to the justices and Chief Justice of 2304

the Ohio Supreme Court, the General Assembly, and the Governor. On 2305
the Committee's submission of its written findings and 2306
recommendations, the Committee shall cease to exist. 2307

(E) All meetings of the Committee are public meetings and 2308
shall be open to the public at all times. A member of the 2309
Committee shall be present in person at a meeting that is open to 2310
the public in order to be considered present or to vote at the 2311
meeting and for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is 2312
present. The chairs of the Committee shall promptly prepare and 2313
maintain the minutes of the meetings, and the minutes shall be 2314
public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The 2315
committee shall give reasonable notice of the Committee's meetings 2316
so that any person may determine the time and place of all 2317
scheduled meetings. The Committee shall not hold a meeting unless 2318
the Committee gives at least twenty-four hours advance notice to 2319
the news media organizations that have requested notification of 2320
the Committee's meetings. 2321

Section 4. That existing Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 2322
126th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 2323

Section 5. On and after January 1, 2008, the part-time judge 2324
of the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court shall serve as the full-time 2325
judge of the Upper Sandusky Municipal Court until the end of the 2326
judge's term, shall receive the salary specified in the Revised 2327
Code for the full-time judge of a municipal court, and shall be 2328
subject to any restriction specified in the Revised Code for the 2329
full-time judge of a municipal court. 2330

Section 6. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 2331
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 2332
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 2333
enactment into law at the earliest possible time is necessary to 2334

provide sufficient time for candidates for the new judgeship of	2335
the Champaign County Court of Common Pleas to file declarations of	2336
candidacy and nominating petitions. Therefore, this act shall go	2337
into immediate effect.	2338