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To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 and 1
to enact sections 141.06 and 2101.025 of the 2
Revised Code and to amend Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 3
336 of the 126th General Assembly to specify the 4
rate of compensation of a member of the current or 5
previous General Assembly who is appointed to 6
judicial office, to create a Domestic 7
Relations-Juvenile-Probate Division of the 8
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, and to declare an emergency. 16
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 be 18
amended and sections 141.06 and 2101.025 of the Revised Code be 19
enacted to read as follows: 20

Sec. 141.06. A member of the current general assembly, or a 21
person who was a member of the current or previous general 22
assembly, who is appointed to fill the unexpired term of office of 23
the chief justice or a justice of the supreme court or of any 24
judge shall receive compensation for the balance of that unexpired 25
term at the rate that was in effect for that office on the last 26
day of the general assembly prior to the one during which the 27
person was appointed. 28

Sec. 2101.025. Effective February 9, 2009, the probate judge 29
of the court of common pleas of Champaign county shall have all 30
the powers relating to the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 31
division of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, as 32
established pursuant to division (DD)(1) of section 2301.03 of the 33
Revised Code, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the 34
judges of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of the 35
court of common pleas of Champaign county over matters that are 36
within the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 37
division, as set forth in division (DD)(1) of section 2301.03 of 38
the Revised Code. 39

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record within 40
the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall 41
exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. 42
and 2152. of the Revised Code. 43

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, is 44
absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 45
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the request 46

of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding judge of the 47
court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(DD)~~(EE) of section 48
2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge of any division 49
of the court of common pleas of the county to act in the juvenile 50
judge's place or in conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no 51
judge of the court of common pleas is available for that purpose, 52
the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge of the 53
court of common pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a 54
different county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in 55
conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 56
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 57
provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 58
common pleas. 59

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 60
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 61
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 62
shall be as follows: 63

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 64
elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 65

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 66
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term 67
to begin February 9, 1955; 68

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 69
begin January 9, 1957; 70

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 71
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 72
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin 73
January 1, 1957; 74

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

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| begin January 1, 2007; | 77 |
| In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; | 78 79 80 |
| In Carroll, Champaign , Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; | 81 82 83 |
| <u>In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 2008, term to begin February 10, 2009.</u> | 84 85 86 |
| In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; | 87 88 |
| In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005; | 89 90 91 |
| In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957; | 92 93 |
| In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin May 14, 1953; | 94 95 |
| In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956; | 96 97 |
| In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; | 98 99 100 |
| (B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993; | 101 102 103 104 |
| In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to | 105 106 |

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| begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to | 107 |
| begin January 2, 1979; | 108 |
| In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term | 109 |
| to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to | 110 |
| begin July 1, 1991; | 111 |
| In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term | 112 |
| to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, term | 113 |
| to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, term to | 114 |
| begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 2008, term | 115 |
| to begin February 9, 2009; | 116 |
| In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 117 |
| term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, | 118 |
| term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in | 119 |
| 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; | 120 |
| In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term | 121 |
| to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, | 122 |
| term to begin January 6, 1977; | 123 |
| In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 124 |
| term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, | 125 |
| term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, | 126 |
| term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in | 127 |
| 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; | 128 |
| In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, | 129 |
| term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in | 130 |
| 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; | 131 |
| In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 132 |
| term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in | 133 |
| 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; | 134 |
| In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, | 135 |
| term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, | 136 |

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| term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in | 137 |
| 1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; | 138 |
| In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 139 |
| term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, | 140 |
| term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in | 141 |
| 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; | 142 |
| In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term | 143 |
| to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to | 144 |
| begin on January 1, 1971; | 145 |
| In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, | 146 |
| term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to | 147 |
| begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to | 148 |
| begin January 2, 2003; | 149 |
| In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 150 |
| term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, | 151 |
| term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in | 152 |
| 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; | 153 |
| In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term | 154 |
| to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, | 155 |
| term to begin January 1, 1977; | 156 |
| In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 157 |
| term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, | 158 |
| term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in | 159 |
| 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; | 160 |
| In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term | 161 |
| to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986, | 162 |
| term to begin January 2, 1987; | 163 |
| In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, | 164 |
| term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, | 165 |
| term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986, | 166 |

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| term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in | 167 |
| 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; | 168 |
| In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, | 169 |
| term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term | 170 |
| to begin January 1, 1987; | 171 |
| In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term | 172 |
| beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term | 173 |
| to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990, | 174 |
| term to begin January 1, 1991; | 175 |
| In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected | 176 |
| in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, | 177 |
| respectively; | 178 |
| In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term | 179 |
| to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term | 180 |
| to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to | 181 |
| begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term | 182 |
| to begin January 2, 1995. | 183 |
| In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956, | 184 |
| term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964, | 185 |
| term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, | 186 |
| term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, | 187 |
| term to begin January 2, 1987; and the fifth to be elected in | 188 |
| 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; | 189 |
| In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, | 190 |
| term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in | 191 |
| 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; | 192 |
| In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, | 193 |
| term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, | 194 |
| term to begin January 1, 1995; | 195 |
| In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term | 196 |

to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 197
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 198
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 199
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 200
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 201
2001; 202

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 203
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 204
begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 205
January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin 206
January 1, 2005; 207

In Lorain county, ten judges, two to be elected in 1952, 208
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 209
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 210
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 211
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 212
1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 213
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; one to be 214
elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007; and one to be 215
elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009, as described in 216
division (C)(1)(c) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code; 217

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956, 218
term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to 219
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to 220
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be 221
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected 222
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, 223
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 224
1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003, 225
and January 3, 2003, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, 226
term to begin January 3, 2007; 227

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 228

term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 229
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968, 230
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 231
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 232

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 233
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 234
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 235

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 236
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 237
begin January 2, 1969; 238

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 239
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 240
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 241
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 242
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 243
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 244
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 245

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

to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 261
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 262
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 263
14, 1987, respectively; 264

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected in 265
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 266
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 267
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 268
begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 269
1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to 270
be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 271
January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, 272
term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to 273
begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin 274
July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 275
1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 276
2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 277

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 278
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 279
February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 280
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 281
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 282
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 283
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 284
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 285
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 286
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 287
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 288

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 289
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 290
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 291
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 292

1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 293
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 294
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 295
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 296
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 297
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 298
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 299
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 300
1993; 301

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 302
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 303
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 304
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 305
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 306
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 307
1991; 308

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 309
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 310
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 311
January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, 312
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 313
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 314
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 315
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 316
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 317
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 318
1, 1993. 319

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 320
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 321
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 322
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 323
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 324

begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 325
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 326

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 327
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 328
1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 329
1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 330
1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin 331
January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 332
5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one 333
to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to 334
be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 335
2009, respectively. 336

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 337
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 338
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 339
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 340
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 341
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 342
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 343
date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 344
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 345
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 346
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 347
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 348
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 349
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 350

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 351
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 352
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 353
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and Wyandot 354
counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected 355
pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate 356

division, except in Lorain county in which the judges of the 357
domestic relations division of the Lorain county court of common 358
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 359
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division, and 360
except in Morrow county in which the judges of the court of common 361
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 362
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division. 363

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 364
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 365
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 366
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 367
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 368
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 369
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 370
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 371
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 372
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 373
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 374
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 375
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 376
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 377
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 378
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 379
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 380

(B) In Hamilton county: 381
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(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 383
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 384
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 385
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 386
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 387

jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 388

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 389
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 390
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 391
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 392
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 393
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 394
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 395
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 396
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 397
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 398
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 399
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 400
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 401
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 402
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 403
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 404
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 405
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 406
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 407
elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 408
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 409
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 410

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 411
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 412
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 413
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 414
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 415
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 416
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 417
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 418
discharge of their various duties. 419

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

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

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

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of

law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 452
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 453
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 454
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 455
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 456
in the case involved. 457

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 458
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the ~~successor~~ successors 459
to that judge ~~whose term begins on January 3, 2003,~~ shall each be 460
elected and designated ~~for one term only~~ as the drug court judge 461
of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. ~~The successors to~~ 462
~~the judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected~~ 463
~~and designated as judges of the general division of the court of~~ 464
~~common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority~~ 465
~~granted by division (B)(3) of this section.~~ The drug court judge 466
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 467
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 468
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 469
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 470
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 471
order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 472
pronounce and enter sentence. 473

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 474
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 475
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 476
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 477
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 478
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 479
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 480
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 481
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 482
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 483

and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 484
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 485
the case. 486

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 487
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 488
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 489
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 490
following apply: 491

(a) One of the following applies: 492

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 493
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 494
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 495
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 496
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 497

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 498
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 499
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 500
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 501
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 502
defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming 503
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 504

(b) All of the following apply: 505

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 506
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory 507
prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be 508
imposed. 509

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 510

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 511

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 512
drug or alcohol driven. 513

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 514
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 515

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition. 516

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor 517
approves of the referral. 518

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas 519
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending 520
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient 521
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in 522
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common 523
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from 524
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the 525
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the 526
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending 527
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for 528
the drug court judge. 529

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community 530
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail 531
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised 532
Code. 533

(C)(1) In Lorain county: 534

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 535
on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, January 2, 1999, and February 536
9, 2009, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 537
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 538
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 539
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of 540
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 541
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 542
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 543
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 544

jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 545
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except 546
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other 547
judge of the court of common pleas. 548

(b) On and after January 1, 2006, the judges of the court of 549
common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the 550
powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this 551
section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the 552
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other 553
provisions of the Revised Code. From January 1, 2006, through 554
February 8, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas, 555
division of domestic relations, shall exercise probate 556
jurisdiction concurrently with the probate judge. 557

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 558
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the 559
successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term 560
that began on February 9, 2003. 561

(2)(a) From January 1, 2006, through February 8, 2009, with 562
respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate 563
court shall be construed as references to both the probate court 564
and the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 565
all references in law to the probate judge shall be construed as 566
references to both the probate judge and the judges of the court 567
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. On and after 568
February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in 569
law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the 570
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all 571
references to the probate judge shall be construed as references 572
to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 573
relations. 574

(b) On and after February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain 575
county, all references in law to the clerk of the probate court 576

shall be construed as references to the judge who is serving 577
pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts 578
of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, 579
division of domestic relations. 580

(D) In Lucas county: 581

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 582
on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, shall 583
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 584
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 585
the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be elected and 586
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 587
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 588
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 589

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 590
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 591
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 592
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 593
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 594
other personnel of the domestic relations division. 595

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

and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 609
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 610
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 611
the discharge of their various duties. 612

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 613
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 614
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 615
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 616
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 617
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 618
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 619
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 620
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 621
action pending in the division. 622

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 623
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 624
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 625
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 626
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 627
the judges of the other of those divisions. 628

(E) In Mahoning county: 629

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 630
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 631
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 632
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 633
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 634
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 635
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 636
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 637
court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 638
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 639
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 640

subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 641
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 642
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 643
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 644
including any referees considered necessary in the discharge of 645
the various duties of the judge's office. 646

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 647
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 648
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 649
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 650
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 651
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 652
legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling and 653
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 654
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 655
action pending in the division. 656

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 657
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 658
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 659
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 660
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 661
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 662
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 663
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 664
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 665
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 666
shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and its 667
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 668
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 669
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile 670
cases, including any referees considered necessary by the judge in 671
the discharge of the judge's various duties. 672

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 673
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 674
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 675
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 676
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 677
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 678
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 679
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 680
action pending in the division. 681

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 682
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 683
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 684
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 685
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of 686
common pleas. 687

(F) In Montgomery county: 688

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 689
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 690
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 691
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 692
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 693
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 694
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 695
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 696
and annulment cases. 697

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 698
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 699
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 700
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 701
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 702
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 703
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 704

be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 705
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 706
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 707
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 708
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 709
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 710

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 711
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 712
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 713
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 714
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 715
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 716
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 717
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 718
Revised Code. 719

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 720
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 721
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 722
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 723
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 724
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 725
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 726
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 727
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 728
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 729
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 730
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 731
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 732
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 733
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 734
division. 735

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 736

of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 737
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 738
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 739
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 740
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 741

(G) In Richland county: 742

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

proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 769
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 770
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 771
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 772
those matters. 773

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 774
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 775
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 776
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 777
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 778
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 779
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 780
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 781
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 782
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 783
shall fix their duties. 784

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

those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 801
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 802
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 803
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 804

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 805
juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 806
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 807
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 808
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 809
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 810
magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge 811
of the judge's various duties. 812

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the 813
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 814
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 815
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 816
statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 817
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 818
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 819
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an 820
action pending in the court, who request the services. 821

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 822
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 823
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 824
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 825
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 826
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 827
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 828
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 829
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 830
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 831
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 832

annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 833
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 834
be assigned to the judges. 835

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 836
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 837
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 838
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 839
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 840
referees required for the judge's respective court. 841

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 842
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 843
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 844
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 845
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 846
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 847
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 848
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 849
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 850
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 851
to serve. 852

(I) In Summit county: 853

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 854
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 855
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 856
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 857
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 858
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 859
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 860
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 861
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 862
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 863
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 864

judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 865
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 866
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 867
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 868
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 869
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 870
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 871
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 872
Revised Code. 873

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 874
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 875
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 876
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 877
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 878
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 879
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 880
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 881
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 882
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 883
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 884
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 885
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 886
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 887
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 888
action pending in the division. 889

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 890
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 891
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 892
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 893
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 894
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 895
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 896

provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 897
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 898
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 899
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 900
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 901
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 902
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 903
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 904
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 905
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 906
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 907
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 908

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 909
division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 910
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 911
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 912
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 913
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 914
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 915
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 916
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 917
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 918
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 919
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 920
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 921
division. 922

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 923
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 924
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 925
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 926
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 927
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 928

pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 929
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 930
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 931
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 932
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 933
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 934
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 935
pleas. 936

(K) In Butler county: 937

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 938
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 939
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 940
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 941
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 942
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 943
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 944
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 945
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 946
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 947
to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 948
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 949
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 950
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 951
division. 952

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 953
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 954
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 955
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 956
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 957
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 958
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 959
conciliation services that the division makes available to 960

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 961
pending in the division, who request the services. 962

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 963
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 964
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 965
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 966
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 967
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 968
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 969
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 970
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 971
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 972
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 973
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 974
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 975
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 976
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 977
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 978
discharge of the judge's various duties. 979

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 980
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 981
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 982
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 983
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 984
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 985
conciliation services that the division makes available to 986
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 987
pending in the division, who request the services. 988

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 989
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 990
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 991
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 992

of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 993
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 994

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 995
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 996
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 997
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 998
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 999
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 1000
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 1001
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 1002
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1003
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 1004
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 1005
reason. 1006

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 1007
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 1008
the following powers concerning division personnel: 1009

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1010
supervision; 1011

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1012
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1013

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 1014
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 1015
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 1016
and annulment matters. 1017

(M) In Lake county: 1018

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1019
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1020
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1021
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1022
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1023

judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1024
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1025
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1026
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1027
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1028
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1029
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1030
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1031
division. 1032

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1033
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1034
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1035
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1036
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1037
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1038
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1039
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1040
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1041
services. 1042

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1043
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1044
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1045
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1046
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1047
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1048
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1049
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1050
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1051
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1052
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1053
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1054
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1055

investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1056
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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, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1059
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(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. 1068
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(N) In Erie county: 1074

(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. 1075
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On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common 1088
pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge 1089
of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 1090
1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common 1091
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as 1092
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the 1093
powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1094

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, 1095
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of 1096
the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on 1097
January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1098
common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 1099
2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 1100
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 1101
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 1102
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1103
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 1104
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 1105
Revised Code. 1106

(0) In Greene county: 1107

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1108
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1109
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1110
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1111
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 1112
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1113
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1114
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 1115
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 1116
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1117
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1118
pleas. 1119

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1120
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1121
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1122
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1123
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1124
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1125
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1126
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1127
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1128
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1129
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1130
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1131
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1132
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1133
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 1134
the court of common pleas. 1135

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1136
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1137
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1138
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1139
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 1140
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 1141
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 1142
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1143
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1144
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 1145
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1146
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1147
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1148
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1149
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1150
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1151

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1152
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1153
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1154
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1155
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1156
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 1157
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1158
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1159

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1160
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1161
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1162
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 1163
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 1164
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 1165

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1166
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1167
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1168
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1169
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 1170
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1171
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1172
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1173
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1174
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1175
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1176
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1177
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1178
division. 1179

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1180
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1181
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1182
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1183

include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1184
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1185
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1186
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1187
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1188
services. 1189

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1190
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1191
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1192
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1193
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1194
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1195
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1196
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1197
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1198
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1199
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1200
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1201
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1202
division. 1203

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1204
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1205
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1206
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1207
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1208
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1209
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1210
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1211
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1212
services. 1213

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1214
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1215

same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1216
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1217
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1218
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1219
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1220
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1221
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1222
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1223
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1224
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1225
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1226
division. 1227

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1228
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1229
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1230
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1231
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1232
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1233
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1234
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1235
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1236
services. 1237

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1238
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2005, 1239
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1240
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1241
the other judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county 1242
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1243
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges shall be 1244
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1245
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1246
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1247

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1248
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1249
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1250
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1251
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1252
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1253
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1254
be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1255
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1256
of the division. 1257

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1258
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1259
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1260
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1261
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1262
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1263
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1264
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1265
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1266
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1267
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1268
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1269
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1270
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1271
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1272
pending in the division, who request the services. 1273

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1274
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1275
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1276
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1277
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1278
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1279

domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1280
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1281
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1282
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1283
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1284
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1285
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1286
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1287
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1288
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1289
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1290
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1291
of the division. 1292

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1293
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1294
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1295
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1296
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1297
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1298
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1299
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1300
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1301
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1302
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1303
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1304
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1305
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1306
pending in the division, who request the services. 1307

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1308
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1309
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1310
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1311

common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1312
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1313
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1314
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1315
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1316
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1317
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1318
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1319
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1320
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1321
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1322
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1323
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1324
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1325

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1326
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1327
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1328
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1329
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1330
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1331
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1332
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1333
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1334
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1335
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1336
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1337
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1338
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1339
request the services. 1340

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1341
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1342
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1343

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1344
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1345
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1346
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1347
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1348
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1349
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1350
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1351
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1352
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1353
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1354
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1355
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1356
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1357
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1358
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1359
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1360
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1361
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1362
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1363
child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1364
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1365
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1366
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1367
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1368
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1369
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1370
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1371
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1372
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1373

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1374
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1375
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1376

division. 1377

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1378
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1379
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1380
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1381
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1382
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1383
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1384
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1385
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1386
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1387
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1388
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1389
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1390
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1391
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1392
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1393
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1394
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1395
parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1396
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1397
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1398
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1399
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1400
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1401
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1402
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1403
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1404
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1405
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1406
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1407
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1408
of cases. 1409

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1410
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1411
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1412
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1413
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1414
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1415
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1416
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1417
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 1418
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 1419
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 1420
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1421
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 1422
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 1423
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 1424
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 1425
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 1426
division. 1427

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1428
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1429
services board and the county advisory board. 1430

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1431
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1432
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1433
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1434
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1435
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1436
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1437
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1438
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1439
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1440
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1441

court. 1442

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1443
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1444
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1445
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1446
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1447
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1448
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1449
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1450
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1451
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1452
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1453
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1454
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1455
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1456
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1457
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1458
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1459
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1460

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1461
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1462
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1463
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1464
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1465
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1466
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1467
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1468
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1469
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1470
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1471
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1472
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1473

persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1474
request the services. 1475

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1476
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1477
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1478
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1479
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1480
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1481
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1482
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1483
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1484
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1485
the judge's various duties. 1486

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

(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 1506
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 1507
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 1508
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 1509
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 1510
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 1511
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 1512
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1513
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1514
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1515
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1516
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1517
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1518

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1519
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1520
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1521
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1522
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1523
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1524
the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1525
Marion county. 1526

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1527
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1528
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1529
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1530
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1531
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1532
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1533
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1534
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1535
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1536
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1537

section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1538
common pleas of Marion county. 1539

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1540
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1541
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1542
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1543
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1544
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1545
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 1546
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1547
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1548
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1549
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1550
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1551
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1552
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1553
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1554
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge 1555
shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of 1556
the division and with the employment and supervision of the 1557
personnel of the division. 1558

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1559
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1560
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1561
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1562
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1563
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1564
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1565
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1566
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1567
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1568
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1569

parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1570
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1571
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1572
pending in the division, who request the services. 1573

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1574
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 1575
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1576
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1577
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 1578
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1579
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1580
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 1581
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 1582
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1583
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1584
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1585
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1586
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1587
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1588
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1589
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 1590
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 1591
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1592

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1593
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1594
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1595
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1596
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 1597
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1598
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1599
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1600
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1601

juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1602
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1603
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1604
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1605
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1606
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1607
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1608
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1609
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1610
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1611
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 1612
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1613
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 1614
judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 1615
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 1616
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 1617
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1618
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1619
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1620
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1621
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1622
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 1623

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1624
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1625
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 1626
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 1627
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 1628
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 1629
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1630
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 1631
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 1632
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 1633
to the domestic relations cases. 1634

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

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those judges and the successors to those judges.

Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this section.

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

(EE) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties mentioned in this section 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 another judge of the court of common pleas of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require.

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 1700
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1701

Section 3. That Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 126th 1702
General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 1703

Sec. 6. (A) There is hereby created the Joint Committee to 1704
Study Court Costs and Filing Fees consisting of the following 1705
seventeen members: 1706

(1) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed 1707
by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of the members 1708
representing the House Majority Caucus and one member representing 1709
the House Minority Caucus; 1710

(2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of 1711
the Senate, two members representing the Senate Majority Caucus 1712
and one member representing the Senate Minority Caucus; 1713

(3) One judge of a court of common pleas and one municipal 1714
court judge each appointed by the Chief Justice of the Ohio 1715
Supreme Court; 1716

(4) Two clerks of court appointed by the Chief Justice of the 1717
Ohio Supreme Court; 1718

(5) Two court administrators appointed by the Chief Justice 1719
of the Ohio Supreme Court; 1720

(6) The Administrative Director of the Ohio Supreme Court; 1721

(7) One member of a state or county bar association appointed 1722
by the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court; 1723

(8) One county commissioner and one member of the Ohio 1724
Municipal League each jointly appointed by the Speaker of the 1725
House of Representatives and the President of the Senate; 1726

(9) One individual to represent the public jointly appointed 1727

by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President 1728
of the Senate. 1729

(B)(1) The appointments to the Committee shall be made not 1730
later than ninety days after the effective date of this act. 1731
Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled in the manner provided 1732
for the original appointments. 1733

(2) Two members of the Committee shall be designated to serve 1734
as co-chairpersons. The Speaker of the House of Representatives 1735
and the President of the Senate shall jointly designate one 1736
co-chairperson. The Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court shall 1737
designate one co-chairperson. 1738

(3) The Committee shall meet as often as necessary to carry 1739
out the Committee's official duties. The members of the Committee 1740
shall serve without compensation. The staff of the Legislative 1741
Service Commission and the employees of the Ohio Supreme Court 1742
shall provide staff support for the Committee. 1743

(C) The Committee shall study the determination, assessment, 1744
collection, and allocation of court costs and filing fees in 1745
criminal actions and in civil actions and proceedings in this 1746
state, including the amount of court costs and filing fees paid by 1747
the parties to civil actions and proceedings or by defendants in 1748
criminal actions. The Committee also shall review and study where 1749
the money collected is deposited. Based on the Committee's 1750
findings, the Committee shall prepare recommendations for any 1751
changes that the Committee believes need to be made to the current 1752
system for court costs and filing fees. 1753

(D) The Committee shall submit written findings and 1754
recommendations not later than one year and six months after the 1755
effective date of this act to the justices and Chief Justice of 1756
the Ohio Supreme Court, the General Assembly, and the Governor. On 1757
the Committee's submission of its written findings and 1758

recommendations, the Committee shall cease to exist. 1759

(E) All meetings of the Committee are public meetings and 1760
shall be open to the public at all times. A member of the 1761
Committee shall be present in person at a meeting that is open to 1762
the public in order to be considered present or to vote at the 1763
meeting and for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is 1764
present. The chairs of the Committee shall promptly prepare and 1765
maintain the minutes of the meetings, and the minutes shall be 1766
public records pursuant to section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The 1767
committee shall give reasonable notice of the Committee's meetings 1768
so that any person may determine the time and place of all 1769
scheduled meetings. The Committee shall not hold a meeting unless 1770
the Committee gives at least twenty-four hours advance notice to 1771
the news media organizations that have requested notification of 1772
the Committee's meetings. 1773

Section 4. That existing Section 6 of Sub. H.B. 336 of the 1774
126th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 1775

Section 5. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1776
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1777
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 1778
enactment into law at the earliest possible time is necessary to 1779
provide sufficient time for candidates for the new judgeship of 1780
the Champaign County Court of Common Pleas to file declarations of 1781
candidacy and nominating petitions. Therefore, this act shall go 1782
into immediate effect. 1783