As Introduced

127th General Assembly Regular Session 2007-2008

S. B. No. 345

22

Senator Goodman

Cosponsors: Senators Wagoner, Kearney, Padgett, Schuring, Seitz, Faber, Wilson, Roberts, Fedor, Boccieri, Stivers

A BILL

Тс	amend sections 733.40, 1901.024, 1901.31, 1907.20,	1
	2949.111, 3375.49, 3375.50, and 4513.35; to amend,	2
	for the purpose of adopting a new section number	3
	as indicated in parentheses, section 3375.50	4
	(307.515); to enact sections 307.51, 307.511,	5
	307.512, 307.513, 307.514, 307.516, and 3375.481;	6
	to repeal sections 3375.48, 3375.51, 3375.52,	7
	3375.53, 3375.54, and 3375.55 of the Revised Code,	8
	and to repeal on December 31, 2009, section	9
	3375.49 of the Revised Code, as amended by this	10
	act, to create a county law library resources	11
	board in each county, to create a statewide	12
	consortium of county law library resources boards,	13
	to provide that each county law library resources	14
	board is responsible for coordinating legal	15
	research and reference material for county	16
	offices, courts, and county departments, to create	17
	the county law library resources fund and the	18
	statewide consortium of county law library	19
	resources boards fund, and to reconstitute the	20
	Task Force on Law Library Associations.	21

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

 Section 1. That section 3375.49 be amended and sections
 23

 307.51, 307.511, 307.512, 307.513, 307.514, and 307.516 of the
 24

 Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:
 25

Sec. 307.51. (A) As used in this section, "county office"26means any officer, department, board, commission, or agency of a27county.28

(B) There is hereby created in each county a county law 29 library resources board. The board shall consist of five members 30 who shall be appointed and hold office as provided in section 31 307.511 of the Revised Code. Beginning on January 1, 2010, subject 32 to appropriation pursuant to section 307.513 of the Revised Code, 33 the board shall provide legal research, reference, and library 34 services to the county and to the municipal corporations, 35 townships, and courts within the county and shall manage the 36 coordination, acquisition, and utilization of legal resources. 37

(C) The board shall employ a county law librarian who shall39be the chief administrator of the county law library resources40board and may employ additional staff to perform any functions as41determined by the board. The board shall fix the compensation of42the county law librarian and any additional employees. All43employees of the county law library resources board shall be in44the unclassified civil service of the county.45

(D)(1) The board may adopt any rules it considers necessary for its operation and shall adopt rules for the following:

(a) The expenditure of funds that are appropriated for its48use pursuant to division (B) of section 307.513 of the Revised49Code;50

38

46

(b) Public access and hours of operation of the law library;	51
(c) Fees for services;	52
(d) The receipt of gifts to the county law library resources	53
<u>fund.</u>	54
(2) The board shall not charge any fee for any service	55
provided to any member of the general assembly or to any officer	56
or employee of a county, municipal, or township government or	57
court located within that county when the officer or employee is	58
acting within the scope of the officer's or employee's employment.	59
	60
(3) Fees for services do not include fees for access to the	61
law library. The board shall not charge a fee for access to the	62
<u>law library.</u>	63
(4) The county law librarian or the librarian's designee	64
shall deposit all fees collected pursuant to this section by any	65
employee of the county law library resources board into the county	66
law library resources fund established pursuant to section 307.514	67
of the Revised Code.	68
(E) There is hereby established a transition advisory council	69
that shall consist of those individuals serving as members of the	70
board of trustees of the law library association of the county	71
that, as of the effective date of this section, received fines,	72
penalties, and moneys arising from forfeited bail under sections	73
3375.50 to 3375.53 of the Revised Code. The transition advisory	74
council shall exist from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010.	75
After December 31, 2010, the board may create an advisory council	76
that is comprised of persons engaged in the private practice of	77
law and with expertise in the operation and funding of law	78
<u>libraries.</u>	79
(F) Subject to the approval of the board of county	80
commissioners of the county, the county law library resources	81

(B) The member appointed pursuant to division (A)(5) of this 112 section shall serve as the chairperson of the county law library 113 resources board until December 31, 2010. After that date, the 114 board shall select a chairperson from among the members of the 115 116 board. (C) During the period of July 1, 2009, through December 31, 117 2010, the county law library resources board shall consist of 118 seven members and shall include members appointed pursuant to 119 division (A) of this section and two members who are residents of 120 the county appointed for this period by the board of trustees of 121 the law library association within the county that, prior to the 122 effective date of this section, receives fines, penalties, and 123 moneys arising from forfeited bail pursuant to sections 3375.50 to 124 3375.53 of the Revised Code. 125 (D) The initial appointments to the county law library 126 resources board as provided in divisions (A) and (B) of this 127 section shall be made on or before July 1, 2009, and for the term 128 specified. Thereafter, terms for all members appointed pursuant to 129 division (A) of this section shall be for five years, with each 130 term ending on the same day of the same month as did the term that 131 it succeeds. 132 (E) Each member of the board shall hold office from the date 133 of the member's appointment until the end of the term for which 134 the member was appointed. Vacancies shall be filled within sixty 135 days after the vacancy occurs and shall be filled in the manner 136 provided for original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a 137 vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for 138 which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as 139 a member for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue 140 in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term 141 until the member's successor takes office or until a period of 142

sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

170

(F) A member of the board of trustees of a law library	144
association may serve as a member of a county law library	145
resources board if the member discloses each membership to the	146
board of trustees of the law library association and the county	147
law library resources board.	148

Sec. 307.512. Within fifteen days after July 1, 2009, the 149 county law library resources board shall hold its initial meeting 150 at the office of the board of county commissioners at a time that 151 the chairperson of the county law library resources board 152 determines. Thereafter, the board shall meet at least four times a 153 year, as determined by the chairperson or at any other time as 154 determined by a majority of the board. A majority of the members 155 of the county law library resources board constitutes a quorum at 156 any regular or special meeting. 157

Sec. 307.513. (A) The county law library resources board 158 shall prepare an annual estimate of the revenue and expenditures 159 of the board for the calendar year commencing January 1, 2010, and 160 for each year thereafter, and shall submit that estimate to the 161 board of county commissioners as provided in section 5705.28 of 162 the Revised Code. The estimate of expenses shall be sufficient to 163 provide for the operation of the county law library resources 164 board. The estimate of revenue shall clearly specify the source of 165 the revenue and shall include a specific request for monies to be 166 appropriated to the county law library resources fund established 167 pursuant to section 307.514 of the Revised Code from the county 168 general fund for the ensuing fiscal year. 169

(B) The board of county commissioners may appropriate funds171from the county general fund for the use of the county law library172resources board. Within fifteen days after the adoption of the173annual appropriation measure pursuant to section 5705.38 of the174

Revised Code, the board of county commissioners shall transfer	175
fifty per cent of the annual general fund appropriation to the	176
county law library resources fund and shall transfer the remaining	177
fifty per cent of the annual general fund appropriation not later	178
than July 15 of each year. The funds appropriated by the board of	179
county commissioners from the county law library resources fund	180
shall be disbursed by the county auditor's warrant drawn on the	181
county treasury five days after receipt of a voucher approved by	182
the county law librarian pursuant to procedures established by the	183
county law library resources board.	184
Sec 307 514 There is hereby created in each county treasury	185

Sec. 307.514. There is hereby created in each county treasury 185 <u>a county law library resources fund, effective January 1, 2010.</u> 186 The fund shall receive all revenue that is required to be 187 deposited into the fund pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 188 307.51 and section 307.515 of the Revised Code, appropriated to 189 the fund from the general fund by the board of county 190 commissioners pursuant to section 307.513 of the Revised Code, or 191 designated for deposit into the fund by gift or bequest from any 192 person, firm, or corporation. Expenditures from the fund shall be 193 made pursuant to the annual appropriation measure adopted by the 194 board of county commissioners under section 5705.38 of the Revised 195 Code. 196

Sec. 307.516. (A) Upon the recommendation of the county law	197
library resources boards of two or more adjacent counties, the	198
boards of county commissioners of those counties may enter into a	199
contract to form a multi-county law library resources commission	200
for the purpose of collaborating on behalf of the member counties	201
in carrying out any or all of the duties and responsibilities	202
conferred upon a county law library resources board by sections	203
307.51 to 307.516 of the Revised Code. The commission shall	204
administer the contract. Members of the commission shall consist	205

of the chairperson of each participating county law library	206
resources board and one member from each of the county law library	207
resources boards, who shall be designated by the members of each	208
of the county law library resources boards.	209
	210
(B) The contract shall do all of the following:	211
(1) Prescribe the structure, management, and responsibilities	212
of the commission;	213
(2) Provide for a process to establish the annual budget for	214
the commission that includes a requirement that the annual budget	215
be approved by all of the boards of county commissioners of the	216
member counties;	217
(3) Apportion the annual operating costs of the commission to	218
each member county;	219
	220
(4) Designate the expenditure of funds from the county law	220
library resources fund of each member county;	221
(5) Address amendments to the contract.	222
(C) The contract shall be for a period of not less than three	223
calendar years and not more than five calendar years.	224
Sec. 3375.49. (A) Subject to divisions (B) and (D) of this	225
section, for <u>For</u> the use of the law library referred to in section	226
3375.48 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners	227
shall provide space in the county courthouse or in any other	228
building located in the county seat, and utilities for that space.	229
(B) (1) Subject to divisions (C) and (D) of this section,	230
through <u>During</u> calendar year 2006 <u>2009</u> , the board of county	231
commissioners shall be responsible for paying the compensation of	232
the librarian and up to two assistant librarians of the law	233

library appointed by the board of trustees of the law library 234

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

association under section 3375.48 of the Revised Code and the 235 costs of the space in the county courthouse or other building that 236 the board provides for the use of the law library under division 237 (A) of this section, and the utilities for that space, and 238 furniture and fixtures for the law library. 239 (2)(a) In calendar years 2007 through 2010, the board of 240 county commissioners and the board of trustees shall be 241 responsible for paying the compensation of the librarian and up to 242 two assistant librarians appointed under section 3375.48 of the 243 Revised Code as follows: 244 (i) In calendar year 2007, the board of county commissioners 245 shall pay eighty per cent, and the board of trustees shall pay 246 247 twenty per-cent. (ii) In calendar year 2008, the board of county commissioners 248 shall pay sixty per cent, and the board of trustees shall pay 249 250 forty per cent. (iii) In calendar year 2009, the board of county 251 commissioners shall pay forty per cent, and the board of trustees 252 shall pay sixty per cent. 253 (iv) In calendar year 2010, the board of county commissioners 254 shall pay twenty per cent, and the board of trustees shall pay 255 256 eighty per cent. (b) In calendar years 2008 through 2011, the board of county 257 commissioners and the board of trustees shall be responsible for 258 the costs of the space in the county courthouse or other building 259 that the board of county commissioners provides for the use of the 260 law library under division (A) of this section, the utilities for 261 262 that space, and furniture and fixtures for the law library as follows: 263 (i) In calendar year 2008, the board of county commissioners 264

shall pay eighty per cent, and the board of trustees shall pay

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

twenty per cent.	266
(ii) In calendar year 2009, the board of county commissioners	267
shall pay sixty per cent, and the board of trustees shall pay	268
forty per cent.	269
(iii) In calendar year 2010, the board of county	270
commissioners shall pay forty per cent, and the board of trustees	271
shall pay sixty per cent.	272
(iv) In calendar year 2011, the board of county commissioners	273
shall pay twenty per cent, and the board of trustees shall pay	274
eighty per cent.	275
(3)(a) Beginning in calendar year 2011 and thereafter, the	276
board of trustees shall be responsible for paying the compensation	277
of the librarian and all assistant librarians appointed under	278
section 3375.48 of the Revised Code.	279
(b) Beginning in calendar year 2012 and thereafter, the board	280
of trustees shall be responsible for the costs of the space in the	281
county courthouse or other building that the board of county	282
commissioners provides for the use of the law library under	283
division (A) of this section, the utilities for that space, and	284
the law library's furniture and fixtures.	285
(C) At any time prior to calendar year 2011, the board of	286
trustees of a law library association referred to in section	287
3375.48 of the Revised Code may elect to assume responsibility for	288
paying the entire compensation of the librarian and all assistant	289
librarians of the law library appointed under section 3375.48 of	290
the Revised Code. If the board of trustees elects to assume that	291
responsibility, the board of county commissioners of the county in	292
which the association is located has no further obligation under	293
division (B) of this section to make payments for the compensation	294
of the law librarian and up to two assistant librarians.	295

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(2) of 296

this section, if the board of trustees of a law library	297
association referred to in section 3375.48 of the Revised Code	298
rents, leases, lease purchases, or otherwise acquires space to	299
expand or enlarge the law library for the use of the law library,	300
the board of county commissioners of the county in which the	301
association is located has no further obligation under division	302
(A) of this section to provide space in the county courthouse or	303
any other building located in the county seat for the use of the	304
law library and utilities for that space, and has no further	305
obligation under division (B) of this section to make payments for	306
the compensation of the librarian and up to two assistant	307
librarians of the law library appointed under section 3375.48 of	308
the Revised Code and for the costs of space in the county	309
courthouse or any other building for the use of the law library,	310
the utilities for that space, and the law library's furniture and	311
fixtures.	312

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply if the
313
board of trustees of a law library association referred to in
314
section 3375.48 of the Revised Code modifies the space used by the
315
law library in a manner that results in no change in that space or
316
in a reduction in that space and that results in no additional
317
costs to the board of county commissioners for fixtures or
318
furniture for the law library.

(E)(C)The librarian of the law library shall receive and320safely keep in the law library the law reports and other books321furnished by the state for use of the court and bar.322

(F)(D) The books, computer communications console that is a 323 means of access to a system of computerized legal research, 324 microform materials and equipment, videotape materials and 325 equipment, audio or visual materials and equipment, other 326 materials and equipment utilized in conducting legal research, 327 furniture, and fixtures of the law library association that are 328

owned by, and used exclusively in, the law library are exempt from 329 taxation. 330

Section 2. That existing section 3375.49 and sections 3375.54331and 3375.55 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.332

Section 3. That sections 733.40, 1901.024, 1901.31, 1907.20, 333 2949.111, 3375.50, and 4513.35 be amended, section 3375.50 334 (307.515) be amended for the purpose of adopting a new section 335 number as indicated in parentheses, and section 3375.481 of the 336 Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 337

sec. 3375.50 307.515. (A) All fines and penalties collected 338 by, and moneys arising from forfeited bail in, a municipal court 339 for offenses and misdemeanors brought for prosecution in the name 340 of a municipal corporation under one of its penal ordinances, 341 where there is in force a state statute under which the offense 342 might be prosecuted, or brought for prosecution in the name of the 343 state, except a portion of such those fines, penalties, and moneys 344 which that, plus all costs collected monthly in such those state 345 cases, equal the compensation allowed by the board of county 346 commissioners to the judges of the municipal court, its clerk, and 347 the prosecuting attorney of such that court in state cases, shall 348 be retained by the clerk of such that municipal court τ and shall 349 be paid deposited by him forthwith, the clerk each month, to the 350 board of trustees of the law library association in the county law 351 library resources fund that is created under section 307.514 of 352 the Revised Code in the county in which such that municipal 353 corporation is located. The sum so retained and paid by that the 354 clerk of the municipal court to the board of trustees of such law 355 library association deposits in the county law library resources 356 <u>fund</u> shall, in no month, be less than twenty-five per cent of the 357 amount of such fines, penalties, and moneys received in that 358

month, without deducting the amount of the allowance of the board 359 of county commissioners to the judges, clerk, and prosecuting 360 attorney. 361

The total amount paid under this section in any one calendar362year by the clerks of all municipal courts in any one county to363the board of trustees of such law library association county law364library resources fund shall in no event exceed the following365amounts:366

(A)(1) In counties having a population of fifty thousand or 367 less, seventy-five hundred dollars and the maximum amount paid by 368 any of such courts shall not exceed four thousand dollars in any 369 calendar year. 370

(B)(2) In counties having a population in excess of fifty
 371
 thousand but not in excess of one hundred thousand, eight thousand
 372
 dollars and the maximum amount paid by any of such courts shall
 373
 not exceed five thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar
 374
 year.

(C)(3)In counties having a population in excess of one376hundred thousand but not in excess of one hundred fifty thousand,377ten thousand dollars and the maximum amount paid by any of such378courts shall not exceed seven thousand dollars in any calendar379year.380

(D) (4) In counties having a population of in excess of one 381 hundred fifty thousand, fifteen thousand dollars in any calendar 382 year. The maximum amount to be paid by each such clerk shall be 383 determined by the county auditor in December of each year for the 384 next succeeding calendar year, and shall bear the same ratio to 385 the total amount payable under this section from the clerks of all 386 municipal courts in such county as the total fines, costs, and 387 forfeitures received by the corresponding municipal court, bear to 388 the total fines, costs, and forfeitures received by all the 389

municipal courts in the county, as shown for the last complete 390 year of actual receipts, on the latest available budgets of such 391 municipal courts. Payments in the full amounts provided in this 392 section shall be made monthly by each clerk in each calendar year 393 until the maximum amount for such year has been paid. When such 394 that amount, so determined by the auditor, has been paid to the 395 board of trustees of such law library association county law 396 library resources fund, then no further payments shall be required 397 in that calendar year from the clerk of such that court. 398

(E)(5) This section does not apply to fines collected by a 399 municipal court for violations of division (B) of section 4513.263 400 of the Revised Code, or for violations of any municipal ordinance 401 that is substantively comparable to that division, all of which 402 shall be forwarded to the treasurer of state as provided in 403 division (E) of section 4513.263 of the Revised Code. 404

(B) The county treasurer, upon the voucher of the county 405 auditor, shall deposit fifty per cent of all moneys collected by a 406 county court accruing from fines, penalties, and forfeited bail, 407 unless otherwise distributed by law, in the county law library 408 resources fund in that county that is created under section 409 307.514 of the Revised Code. The county treasurer shall deposit 410 those moneys into that fund within thirty days after those moneys 411 have been paid into the county treasury by the clerk of the county 412 court. 413

This section does not apply to fines collected by a county414court for violations of division (B) of section 4513.263 of the415Revised Code, or for violations of any municipal ordinance that is416substantively comparable to that division, all of which shall be417forwarded to the treasurer of state as provided in division (E) of418section 4513.263 of the Revised Code.419

(C) In each county of the state, the clerk of the court of420common pleas and the clerk of the probate court shall retain all421

fines and penalties collected by, and moneys arising from	422
forfeited bail in, the court of common pleas and the probate court	423
of that county for offenses and misdemeanors brought for	424
prosecution in those courts in the name of the state and monthly	425
shall deposit those moneys in the county law library resources	426
fund in that county that is created under section 307.514 of the	427
Revised Code. The total sums so deposited shall not exceed twelve	428
hundred fifty dollars per annum, and when that amount has been	429
deposited in the fund in accordance with this section then no	430
further payments shall be required under this section in that	431
calendar year from the clerks of those respective courts.	432
This section does not apply to fines collected by a court of	433
common pleas for violations of division (B) of section 4513.263 of	434
the Revised Code, all of which shall be forwarded to the treasurer	435
of state as provided in division (E) of that section.	436
(D) In each county, the treasurer of the county or the	437
treasurer of the municipal corporation shall deposit monthly fifty	438
per cent of all fines and penalties collected by, and fifty per	439
cent of moneys arising from forfeited bail in, any court in that	440
county for offenses brought for prosecution under Chapters 4301.	441
and 4303. of the Revised Code and the state traffic laws in the	442
county legal resources fund in that county that is created under	443
section 307.514 of the Revised Code. The sum so deposited in that	444
fund by each treasurer shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per	445
annum under Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code, and when	446
that amount has been deposited in that fund in accordance with	447
this section, then no further deposits shall be required under	448
this section in that calendar year from those treasurers.	449
	4 - 0

450

As used in this section, "state traffic laws" does not451include division (B) of section 4513.263 of the Revised Code.452

Sec. 733.40. Except as otherwise provided in section 4511.193 453 of the Revised Code, all fines, forfeitures, and costs in 454 ordinance cases and all fees that are collected by the mayor, that 455 in any manner come into the mayor's hands, or that are due the 456 mayor or a marshal, chief of police, or other officer of the 457 municipal corporation, any other fees and expenses that have been 458 advanced out of the treasury of the municipal corporation, and all 459 money received by the mayor for the use of the municipal 460 corporation shall be paid by the mayor into the treasury of the 461 municipal corporation on the first Monday of each month. At the 462 first regular meeting of the legislative authority each month, the 463 mayor shall submit a full statement of all money received, from 464 whom and for what purposes received, and when paid into the 465 treasury. Except as otherwise provided by sections 3375.50 to 466 3375.52 section 307.515 or 4511.19 of the Revised Code, all fines, 467 and forfeitures collected by the mayor in state cases, together 468 with all fees and expenses collected that have been advanced out 469 of the county treasury, shall be paid by the mayor to the county 470 treasury on the first business day of each month. Except as 471 otherwise provided by sections 3375.50 to 3375.52 section 307.515 472 or 4511.19 of the Revised Code, the mayor shall pay all court 473 costs and fees collected by the mayor in state cases into the 474 municipal treasury on the first business day of each month. 475

This section does not apply to fines collected by a mayor's476court for violations of division (B) of section 4513.263 of the477Revised Code, or for violations of any municipal ordinance that is478substantively comparable to that division, all of which shall be479forwarded to the treasurer of state as provided in division (E) of480section 4513.263 of the Revised Code.481

Sec. 1901.024. (A) The board of county commissioners of482Hamilton county shall pay all of the costs of operation of the483

484 Hamilton county municipal court. Subject to sections 3375.50, 3375.53 307.515, 4511.19, 4511.193, and 5503.04 of the Revised 485 Code and to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 486 specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 487 municipal court, the county shall receive all of the costs, fees, 488 and other moneys, except fines collected for violations of 489 municipal ordinances and for violations of township resolutions 490 adopted pursuant to Chapter 504. of the Revised Code, that are 491 received by the Hamilton county municipal court and shall receive 492 fifty per cent of all of the fines for violations of municipal 493 ordinances and for violations of township resolutions adopted 494 pursuant to Chapter 504. of the Revised Code that are received by 495 the court. 496

(B) The board of county commissioners of Lawrence county 497 shall pay all of the costs of operation of the Lawrence county 498 municipal court. Subject to sections 3375.50, 3375.53 307.515, 499 4511.19, 4511.193, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and to any 500 other section of the Revised Code that requires a specific manner 501 of disbursement of any moneys received by a municipal court, the 502 county shall receive all of the costs, fees, and other moneys, 503 except fines collected for violations of municipal ordinances and 504 for violations of township resolutions adopted pursuant to Chapter 505 504. of the Revised Code, that are received by the Lawrence county 506 municipal court and shall receive fifty per cent of all of the 507 fines for violations of municipal ordinances and for violations of 508 township resolutions adopted pursuant to Chapter 504. of the 509 Revised Code that are received by the court. 510

(C) The board of county commissioners of Ottawa county shall
pay all of the costs of operation of the Ottawa county municipal
court. Subject to sections 3375.50, 3375.53 307.515, 4511.19,
4511.193, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and to any other section
of the Revised Code that requires a specific manner of
512

disbursement of any moneys received by a municipal court, the 516 county shall receive all of the costs, fees, and other moneys, 517 except fines collected for violations of municipal ordinances and 518 for violations of township resolutions adopted pursuant to Chapter 519 504. of the Revised Code, that are received by the Ottawa county 520 municipal court and shall receive fifty per cent of all of the 521 fines for violations of municipal ordinances and for violations of 522 township resolutions adopted pursuant to Chapter 504. of the 523 Revised Code that are received by the court. 524

(D) The board of county commissioners of a county in which a 525 county-operated municipal court is located shall pay all of the 526 costs of operation of the municipal court. The county in which a 527 county-operated municipal court that is not subject to division 528 (A), (B), or (C) of this section is located shall receive all of 529 the costs, fees, and other moneys, except fines collected for 530 violations of municipal ordinances and for violations of township 531 resolutions adopted pursuant to Chapter 504. of the Revised Code 532 and except as provided in sections 3375.50, 3375.53, 307.515 and 533 5503.04 of the Revised Code and in any other section of the 534 Revised Code that requires a specific manner of disbursement of 535 any moneys received by a municipal court, that are received by the 536 court.

Sec. 1901.31. The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 538 court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 539 powers and duties as follows: 540

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed or 541 elected as follows: 542

(1)(a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Hamilton 543 county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and 544 through December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if 545 the population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 546

thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 547 the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 548 be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 549 territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 550 election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 551

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 552 years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 553 following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 554 successor is elected and qualified. 555

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 556 courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 557 court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 558 compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 559 semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 560 prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as the 561 clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming the 562 duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one-fourth 563 the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common 564 pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the 565 county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of 566 the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the county 567 treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition to the 568 annual compensation that is received for the performance of the 569 duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as provided in 570 sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 571

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts, 572 the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county shall be 573 the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and Wayne county 574 municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each 575 branch that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the 576 Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges of the municipal 577 court determine are necessary, all of whom shall receive the 578

compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerks 579 of courts of Portage county and Wayne county, acting as the clerks 580 of the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts and 581 assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 582 payable from the county treasury in semimonthly installments at 583 one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 584 common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 585 the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 586 of the Revised Code. 587

(d) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(d) of 588 this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 589 election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by 590 primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day 591 specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the nomination 592 of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of 593 section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations 594 of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the 595 nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of 596 clerk of the Akron municipal court shall be signed by at least 597 fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court. 598

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 599 petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 600 later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 601 the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 602 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 603 petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 604 applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 605 Revised Code. 606

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 607 any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 608 party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron municipal 609 court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 610

. .

nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. 611 If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and 612 petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 613 party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be 614 held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 615 election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a 616 certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 617 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 618

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 619 petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 620 of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation of the 621 term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following 622 regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be 623 submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court 624 in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised 625 Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so 626 elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term 627 shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's 628 election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and 629 qualified. 630

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(e) of 631 this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 632 election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by 633 primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day 634 specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 635 nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 636 provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the 637 declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and 638 the nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office 639 of clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall be signed by at 640 least fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court. 641

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 642

ΟTC

petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not643later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of644the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or6453513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and646petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the647applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the648Revised Code.649

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 650 any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 651 party for election to the office of clerk of the Barberton 652 municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 653 purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 654 that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 655 candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 656 particular political party for election to that office, a primary 657 election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a 658 candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 659 candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 660 manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 661

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 662 petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 663 of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a designation of 664 the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following 665 regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be 666 submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court 667 in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised 668 Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so 669 elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term 670 shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's 671 election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and 672 qualified. 673

(f)(i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 674

provided in division (A)(1)(f)(i) of this section, in the Cuyahoga 675 Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the office of 676 clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary election. The 677 primary election shall be held on the day specified in the charter 678 of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the nomination of municipal 679 officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 680 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations of 681 candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the nominating 682 petitions of independent candidates for the office of clerk of the 683 Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty 684 qualified electors of the territory of the court. 685

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 686 petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 687 later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 688 the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 689 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 690 petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 691 applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 692 Revised Code. 693

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 694 any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 695 party for election to the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 696 municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 697 purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 698 that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 699 candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 700 particular political party for election to that office, a primary 701 election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a 702 candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 703 candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 704 manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 705

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 706

petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 707 of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a designation 708 of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 709 following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 710 office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 711 territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 712 1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of the 713 court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 714 years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 715 following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 716 successor is elected and qualified. 717

(ii) Division (A)(1)(f)(i) of this section shall have noeffect after December 31, 2008.719

(q) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(q) of 720 this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 721 election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by 722 primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day 723 specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the nomination 724 of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of 725 section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations 726 of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the 727 nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of 728 clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall be signed by at least 729 fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court. 730

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 731 petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 732 later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 733 the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 734 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 735 petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 736 applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 737 Revised Code. 738

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 739 any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 740 party for election to the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal 741 court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 742 nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. 743 If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and 744 petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 745 party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be 746 held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 747 election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a 748 certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 749 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 750

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 751 petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 752 of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation of the 753 term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following 754 regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be 755 submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court 756 in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised 757 Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so 758 elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term 759 shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's 760 election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and 761 qualified. 762

(2)(a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 763 county, Columbiana county, Holmes county, Lorain, Massillon, and 764 Youngstown municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the 765 population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the 766 clerk shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold 767 office until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 768

(b) In the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstownmunicipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of office770

as described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section. 771

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, and Holmes county 772 municipal courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown 773 county, and Holmes county shall be the clerks, respectively, of 774 the Auglaize county, Brown county, and Holmes county municipal 775 courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 776 that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 777 Code, and assistant clerks as the judge of the court determines 778 are necessary, all of whom shall receive the compensation that the 779 legislative authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize 780 county, Brown county, and Holmes county, acting as the clerks of 781 the Auglaize county, Brown county, and Holmes county municipal 782 courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive 783 compensation payable from the county treasury in semimonthly 784 installments at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the 785 clerks of courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with 786 the population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 787 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 788

(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 789 courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 790 court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 791 that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 792 Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of the 793 court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy clerks and 794 assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that the 795 legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 796 Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 797 798 municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 799 installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 800 compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 801 rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 802 as determined in accordance with the population of the county and 803 the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 804 Code. 805

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to illness, 806
vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint a temporary 807
clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have the same 808
authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 809

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Portage county, and Wayne 810 county municipal courts, if a vacancy occurs in the office of the 811 clerk of the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal 812 court or occurs in the office of the clerk of a municipal court 813 for which the population of the territory equals or exceeds one 814 hundred thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office 815 before the end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails 816 to take office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 817 elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of the 818 territory of the court who are members of the county central 819 committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 820 that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 821 nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 822 of that county central committee shall meet to make an appointment 823 to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the date of the 824 meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the county central 825 committee shall notify each such member of that county central 826 committee by first class mail of the date, time, and place of the 827 meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such members of that 828 county central committee constitutes a quorum, and a majority of 829 the quorum is required to make the appointment. If the office so 830 vacated was occupied or was to be occupied by a person not 831 nominated at a primary election, or if the appointment was not 832 made by the committee members in accordance with this division, 833 the court shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy. A 834

successor shall be elected to fill the office for the unexpired 835

term at the first municipal election that is held more than one836hundred twenty days after the vacancy occurred.837

(C)(1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize county, 838 the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Holmes county, and 839 the Lorain municipal courts, for which the population of the 840 territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk of the 841 municipal court shall receive the annual compensation that the 842 presiding judge of the court prescribes, if the revenue of the 843 court for the preceding calendar year, as certified by the auditor 844 or chief fiscal officer of the municipal corporation in which the 845 court is located or, in the case of a county-operated municipal 846 court, the county auditor, is equal to or greater than the 847 expenditures, including any debt charges, for the operation of the 848 court payable under this chapter from the city treasury or, in the 849 case of a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury for 850 that calendar year, as also certified by the auditor or chief 851 fiscal officer. If the revenue of a municipal court, other than 852 the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, and 853 the Lorain municipal courts, for which the population of the 854 territory is less than one hundred thousand for the preceding 855 calendar year as so certified is not equal to or greater than 856 those expenditures for the operation of the court for that 857 calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court 858 shall receive the annual compensation that the legislative 859 authority prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means 860 the total of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the 861 city treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 862 treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) of 863 this section and all interest received and paid to the city 864 treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 865 treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 866 this section. 867

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Hamilton county, 868 Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 869 population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 870 in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 871 shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 872 per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 873

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C)(1)874 or (2) of this section is payable in semimonthly installments from 875 the same sources and in the same manner as provided in section 876 1901.11 of the Revised Code, except that the compensation of the 877 clerk of the Carroll county municipal court is payable in biweekly 878 installments.

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 880 the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 881 six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the court, 882 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's duties. 883

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 884 following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue executions 885 upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a judgment for 886 unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of the court to all 887 writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing out of the court; 888 and approve all bonds, sureties, recognizances, and undertakings 889 fixed by any judge of the court or by law. The clerk may refuse to 890 accept for filing any pleading or paper submitted for filing by a 891 person who has been found to be a vexatious litigator under 892 section 2323.52 of the Revised Code and who has failed to obtain 893 leave to proceed under that section. The clerk shall do all of the 894 following: file and safely keep all journals, records, books, and 895 papers belonging or appertaining to the court; record the 896 proceedings of the court; perform all other duties that the judges 897 of the court may prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts 898 and disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection 899

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 901 docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 902 of which shall be the public records of the court. In the docket, 903 the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement of an 904 action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 905 counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 906 the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 907 summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 908 The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 909 judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 910 relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may order 911 an extended record of any of the above to be made and entered, 912 under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the request of 913 any party to the case, the expense of which record may be taxed as 914 costs in the case or may be required to be prepaid by the party 915 demanding the record, upon order of the court. 916

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 917 and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 918 moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 919 clerk shall each month disburse to the proper persons or officers, 920 and take receipts for, all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 921 moneys that the clerk collects. Subject to sections 3375.50 922 <u>307.515</u> and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and to any other section 923 of the Revised Code that requires a specific manner of 924 disbursement of any moneys received by a municipal court and 925 except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county 926 municipal courts, the clerk shall pay all fines received for 927 violation of municipal ordinances into the treasury of the 928 municipal corporation the ordinance of which was violated and 929 shall pay all fines received for violation of township resolutions 930 adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of 931

the Revised Code into the treasury of the township the resolution 932 of which was violated. Subject to sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 933 of the Revised Code, in the Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and 934 Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent 935 of the fines received for violation of municipal ordinances and 936 fifty per cent of the fines received for violation of township 937 resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or 938 Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of the county. 939 Subject to sections 3375.50, 3375.53 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 940 of the Revised Code and to any other section of the Revised Code 941 that requires a specific manner of disbursement of any moneys 942 received by a municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines 943 collected for the violation of state laws into the county 944 945 treasury. Except in a county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs and fees the disbursement of which is not 946 otherwise provided for in the Revised Code into the city treasury. 947 The clerk of a county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs 948 and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 949 in the Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 950 security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 951 clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 952 disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 953 permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 954 term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 955 clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties as 956 are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 957

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted on 958 the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 959 deposited in a state or national bank, or a domestic savings and 960 loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised 961 Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon 962 the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, in 963 a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid into 964 the treasury of the county in which the court is located. 965

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk shall 966 make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that were 967 finally determined more than one year past in which there remains 968 unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or any part of 969 a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the costs in the 970 case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to the parties who 971 are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys of record. All 972 the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day of April of each 973 year shall be paid by the clerk to the city treasurer, except 974 that, in a county-operated municipal court, the moneys shall be 975 paid to the treasurer of the county in which the court is located. 976 The treasurer shall pay any part of the moneys at any time to the 977 person who has the right to the moneys upon proper certification 978 of the clerk. 979

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the Carroll 980 county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and shall 981 receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly installments 982 or semimonthly installments, as determined by the payroll 983 administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk may 984 prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk of a 985 county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the treasury 986 of the county in which the court is located. The judge of the 987 Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks for the 988 court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the compensation, 989 payable in biweekly installments out of the county treasury, that 990 the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall take an oath of 991 office before entering upon the duties of the deputy clerk's 992 office and, when so qualified, may perform the duties appertaining 993 to the office of the clerk. The clerk may require any of the 994 deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three thousand 995 dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the deputy 996 clerk's duties.

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the population 998 of the territory of a municipal court falls below one hundred 999 thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the population of the 1000 territory prior to the most recent regular federal census exceeded 1001 one hundred thousand, the legislative authority of the municipal 1002 corporation may declare, by resolution, that the territory shall 1003 be considered to have a population of at least one hundred 1004 thousand. 1005

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at all 1006
 sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in the 1007
 courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors and 1008
 receive verdicts. 1009

Sec. 1907.20. (A) The clerk of courts shall be the clerk of 1010 the county court, except that the board of county commissioners, 1011 with the concurrence of the county court judges, may appoint a 1012 clerk for each county court judge, who shall serve at the pleasure 1013 of the board and shall receive compensation as set by the board, 1014 payable in semimonthly installments from the treasury of the 1015 county. An appointed clerk, before entering upon the duties of the 1016 office, shall give bond of not less than five thousand dollars, as 1017 determined by the board of county commissioners, conditioned upon 1018 the faithful performance of the clerk's duties. 1019

The clerks of courts of common pleas, when acting as the 1020 clerks of county courts, and upon assuming their county court 1021 duties, shall receive compensation at one-fourth the rate 1022 prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as determined 1023 in accordance with the population of the county and the rates set 1024 forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This 1025 compensation shall be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly 1026 installments and is in addition to the annual compensation 1027

received for the performance of the duties of the clerk of a court 1028 of common pleas as provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1029 Revised Code. 1030

(B) The clerk of a county court shall have general powers to 1031 administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue executions upon any 1032 judgment rendered in the county court, including a judgment for 1033 unpaid costs, power to issue and sign all writs, process, 1034 subpoenas, and papers issuing out of the court, and to attach the 1035 seal of the court to them, and power to approve all bonds, 1036 sureties, recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of 1037 the court or by law. The clerk shall file and safely keep all 1038 journals, records, books, and papers belonging or appertaining to 1039 the court, record its proceedings, perform all other duties that 1040 the judges of the court may prescribe, and keep a book showing all 1041 receipts and disbursements, which shall be open for public 1042 inspection at all times. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing 1043 any pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has 1044 been found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of 1045 the Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed 1046 under that section. 1047

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1048 docket as prescribed by the court, which shall be furnished by the 1049 board of county commissioners, and such other records as the 1050 court, by rule, requires, all of which shall be the public records 1051 of the court. In the docket, the clerk shall enter at times of the 1052 commencement of an action, the names of the parties in full, the 1053 names of the counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under 1054 proper dates, the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, 1055 issuing of summons or other process, returns, and pleadings 1056 subsequent thereto. The clerk also shall enter all reports, 1057 verdicts, orders, judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly 1058 specifying the relief granted or orders made in each action. The 1059 court may order an extended record of any of the above to be made 1060 and entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at 1061 the request of any party to the case, the expense of which may be 1062 taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be prepaid by the 1063 party demanding the extended record, upon order of the court. 1064

(C) The clerk of a county court shall receive and collect all 1065 costs, fees, fines, penalties, bail, and other moneys payable to 1066 the office or to any officer of the court and issue receipts 1067 therefor, and shall each month disburse the costs, fees, fines, 1068 penalties, bail, and other moneys to the proper persons or 1069 officers and take receipts therefor. Subject to sections 3375.51, 1070 3375.53 307.515, 4511.19, 4511.193, and 5503.04 of the Revised 1071 Code and all other statutes that require a different distribution 1072 of fines, fines received for violations of municipal ordinances 1073 shall be paid into the treasury of the municipal corporation whose 1074 ordinance was violated, fines received for violations of township 1075 resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or 1076 Chapter 504. of the Revised Code shall be paid into the treasury 1077 of the township whose resolution was violated, and fines collected 1078 for the violation of state laws shall be paid into the county 1079 treasury. Moneys deposited as security for costs shall be retained 1080 pending the litigation. 1081

The clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1082 disbursements in civil and criminal cases. The separate account 1083 shall be a permanent public record of the office. On the 1084 expiration of a clerk's term, those records shall be delivered to 1085 the clerk's successor. 1086

The clerk shall have such other powers and duties as are 1087 prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1088

(D) All moneys paid into a county court shall be noted on the 1089record of the case in which they are paid and shall be deposited 1090in a state or national bank selected by the clerk. On the first 1091

- --

Monday in January of each year, the clerk shall make a list of the 1092 titles of all cases in the county court that were finally 1093 determined more than one year past in which there remains 1094 unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or any part of 1095 a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the costs in the 1096 case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to the parties 1097 entitled to them or to their attorneys of record. All the moneys 1098 remaining unclaimed on the first day of April of each year shall 1099 be paid by the clerk to the county treasurer. Any part of the 1100 moneys shall be paid by the county treasurer at any time to the 1101 person having the right to them, upon proper certification of the 1102 clerk. 1103

(E)(1) In county court districts having appointed clerks, 1104 deputy clerks may be appointed by the board of county 1105 commissioners. Clerks and deputy clerks shall receive such 1106 compensation payable in semimonthly installments out of the county 1107 treasury as the board may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall take 1108 an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the deputy 1109 clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the duties 1110 appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may require any 1111 of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three thousand 1112 dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the deputy 1113 clerk's duties. 1114

(2) A clerk of courts acting as clerk of the county court may 1115 appoint deputy clerks to perform the duties pertaining to the 1116 office of clerk of the county court. Each deputy clerk shall take 1117 an oath of office before entering upon the deputy clerk's duties, 1118 and the clerk of courts may require the deputy clerk to give bond 1119 of not less than three thousand dollars, conditioned for the 1120 faithful performance of the deputy clerk's duties. 1121

(3) The clerk or a deputy clerk of a county court shall be in 1122attendance at all sessions of the court, although not necessarily 1123

in the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors 1124 and receive verdicts. 1125

(F)(1) In county court districts having appointed clerks, the 1126 board of county commissioners may order the establishment of one 1127 or more branch offices of the clerk and, with the concurrence of 1128 the county judges, may appoint a special deputy clerk to 1129 administer each branch office. Each special deputy clerk shall 1130 take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the 1131 deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform any one 1132 or more of the duties appertaining to the office of clerk, as the 1133 board prescribes. Special deputy clerks shall receive such 1134 compensation payable in semimonthly installments out of the county 1135 treasury as the board may prescribe. The board may require any of 1136 the special deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three 1137 thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the 1138 deputy clerk's duties. 1139

The board of county commissioners may authorize the clerk of 1140 the county court to operate one or more branch offices, to divide 1141 the clerk's time between the offices, and to perform duties 1142 appertaining to the office of clerk in locations that the board 1143 prescribes. 1144

(2) A clerk of courts acting as clerk of the county court may 1145 establish one or more branch offices for the clerk's duties as 1146 clerk of the county court and, with the concurrence of the county 1147 court judges, may appoint a special deputy clerk to administer 1148 each branch office. Each special deputy clerk shall take an oath 1149 of office before entering upon the deputy clerk's duties and, when 1150 so qualified, may perform any of the duties pertaining to the 1151 office of clerk, as the clerk of courts prescribes. The clerk of 1152 courts may require any of the special deputy clerks to give bond 1153 of not less than three thousand dollars, conditioned for the 1154 faithful performance of the deputy clerk's duties. 1155

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

(G) The clerk of courts of the county shall fix the 1156 compensation of deputy clerks and special deputy clerks appointed 1157 by the clerk pursuant to this section. Those personnel shall be 1158 paid and be subject to the same requirements as other employees of 1159 the clerk under the provisions of section 325.17 of the Revised 1160 Code insofar as that section is applicable. 1161

Sec. 2949.111. (A) As used in this section: 1162

(1) "Court costs" means any assessment that the court
 requires an offender to pay to defray the costs of operating the
 1163
 court.

(2) "State fines or costs" means any costs imposed or 1166
forfeited bail collected by the court under section 2743.70 of the 1167
Revised Code for deposit into the reparations fund or under 1168
section 2949.091 of the Revised Code for deposit into the general 1169
revenue fund and all fines, penalties, and forfeited bail 1170
collected by the court and paid to a law library association under 1171
sections 3375.50 to 3375.53 section 307.515 of the Revised Code. 1172

(3) "Reimbursement" means any reimbursement for the costs of 1173 confinement that the court orders an offender to pay pursuant to 1174 section 2929.28 of the Revised Code, any supervision fee, any fee 1175 for the costs of house arrest with electronic monitoring that an 1176 offender agrees to pay, any reimbursement for the costs of an 1177 investigation or prosecution that the court orders an offender to 1178 pay pursuant to section 2929.71 of the Revised Code, or any other 1179 costs that the court orders an offender to pay. 1180

(4) "Supervision fees" means any fees that a court, pursuant
to sections 2929.18, 2929.28, and 2951.021 of the Revised Code,
requires an offender who is under a community control sanction to
pay for supervision services.

(5) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in 1185

section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Unless the court, in accordance with division (C) of this 1187 section, enters in the record of the case a different method of 1188 assigning payments, if a person who is charged with a misdemeanor 1189 is convicted of or pleads guilty to the offense, if the court 1190 orders the offender to pay any combination of court costs, state 1191 fines or costs, restitution, a conventional fine, or any 1192 reimbursement, and if the offender makes any payment of any of 1193 them to a clerk of court, the clerk shall assign the offender's 1194 payment in the following manner: 1195

(1) If the court ordered the offender to pay any court costs, 1196
the offender's payment shall be assigned toward the satisfaction 1197
of those court costs until they have been entirely paid. 1198

(2) If the court ordered the offender to pay any state fines 1199 or costs and if all of the court costs that the court ordered the 1200 offender to pay have been paid, the remainder of the offender's 1201 payment shall be assigned on a pro rata basis toward the 1202 satisfaction of the state fines or costs until they have been 1203 entirely paid. 1204

(3) If the court ordered the offender to pay any restitution 1205 and if all of the court costs and state fines or costs that the 1206 court ordered the offender to pay have been paid, the remainder of 1207 the offender's payment shall be assigned toward the satisfaction 1208 of the restitution until it has been entirely paid. 1209

(4) If the court ordered the offender to pay any fine and if 1210 all of the court costs, state fines or costs, and restitution that 1211 the court ordered the offender to pay have been paid, the 1212 remainder of the offender's payment shall be assigned toward the 1213 satisfaction of the fine until it has been entirely paid. 1214

(5) If the court ordered the offender to pay any1215reimbursement and if all of the court costs, state fines or costs,1216

1186

restitution, and fines that the court ordered the offender to pay 1217 have been paid, the remainder of the offender's payment shall be 1218 assigned toward the satisfaction of the reimbursements until they 1219 have been entirely paid. 1220

(C) If a person who is charged with a misdemeanor is 1221 convicted of or pleads guilty to the offense and if the court 1222 orders the offender to pay any combination of court costs, state 1223 fines or costs, restitution, fines, or reimbursements, the court, 1224 at the time it orders the offender to make those payments, may 1225 prescribe an order of payments that differs from the order set 1226 forth in division (B) of this section by entering in the record of 1227 the case the order so prescribed. If a different order is entered 1228 in the record, on receipt of any payment, the clerk of the court 1229 shall assign the payment in the manner prescribed by the court. 1230

Sec. 3375.481. (A) There is hereby created a statewide 1231 consortium of county law library resources boards. The statewide 1232 consortium shall be comprised of the county law library resources 1233 board of each county. 1234 (B) The statewide consortium board shall consist of five 1235 voting members, one of whom shall be the librarian of the supreme 1236 court of Ohio, or, if the librarian of the supreme court is 1237

unavailable, the chief justice's designee, and the other four 1238 members shall be appointed as follows: 1239

(1) The Ohio judicial conference shall appoint one member. 1240

(2) The county commissioners association of Ohio shall 1241 appoint two members, one of whom shall be the chief administrator 1242 of a county law library resources board. 1243

(3) The Ohio state bar association shall appoint one member. 1244

(C) Initial appointments to the statewide consortium board 1245 shall be made on or before January 1, 2011. Of the initial 1246

appointments, the initial term of the member appointed by the 1247 county commissioners association who is not the chief 1248 administrator of a county library resources board and the member 1249 appointed by the Ohio judicial conference shall be for a term 1250 ending December 31, 2014. The initial term of the member appointed 1251 by the Ohio state bar association and the member appointed by the 1252 county commissioners association who is the chief administrator of 1253 a county law library resources board shall be for a term ending 1254 December 31, 2016. Thereafter, terms for all members shall be for 1255 five years, with each term ending on the same day of the same 1256 month as did the term that it succeeds. 1257 1258 Each member appointed pursuant to division (B) of this 1259 section shall hold office from the date of the member's 1260 appointment until the end of the term for which the member was 1261 appointed. Vacancies shall be filled within sixty days after the 1262 vacancy occurs and shall be filled in the manner provided for 1263 original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy 1264 occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which the 1265 member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member 1266 for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office 1267 subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the 1268 member's successor takes office or until a period of sixty days 1269 has elapsed, whichever occurs first. 1270 (D) The statewide consortium board shall do all of the 1271 following for the benefit of the members of the statewide 1272 1273 consortium: (1) Negotiate contracts that each county law library 1274 resources board may use for purchasing or obtaining access to 1275 legal research and reference materials available in any medium; 1276 (2) Catalogue existing resources held by county law library 1277

resources boards and facilitate the sharing of those resources by 1278

the county law library resources boards;	1279
(3) Develop and recommend guidelines for the collection of or	1280
access to legal resources that ought to be provided by a county	1281
law library resources board;	1282
(4) Provide consultation and assistance to county law library	1283
resources boards;	1284
(5) Issue an annual report of its activities to each county	1285
law library resources board.	1286
(E)(1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the	1287
statewide consortium of county law library resources boards fund.	1288
Commencing January 1, 2011, each county treasurer shall deposit	1289
two per cent of the funds deposited pursuant to section 307.515 of	1290
the Revised Code into the county law library resources fund of the	1291
treasurer's county, established under section 307.514 of the	1292
Revised Code, from the immediately preceding calendar year into	1293
the statewide consortium of county law library resources boards	1294
fund. The statewide consortium board may recommend in writing and	1295
submit to each county law library resources board an increase or	1296
decrease in the percentage of funds that must be deposited into	1297
the statewide consortium fund by county treasurers pursuant to the	1298
division. Upon the receipt of written approval of the	1299
recommendation from a majority of the county law library resources	1300
boards, the recommendation shall become effective on January 1 of	1301
the succeeding year. The statewide consortium board of the county	1302
law library resources boards shall make any recommendations not	1303
later than the first day of April for the proceeding fiscal year,	1304
and any action by a county law library resources board on the	1305
recommendation shall be certified to the statewide consortium	1306
board not later than the first day of June of that year.	1307
	1308

(2) The statewide consortium board may use the money 1309

deposited in the fund for the operation of the statewide	1310
consortium board and may provide grants to county law library	1311
resources boards.	1312
(F) The statewide consortium board may create an advisory	1313
council that is comprised of persons with expertise in the	1314
operation and funding of law libraries.	1315
(G) The statewide consortium board shall determine the	1316
necessary qualifications of staff and the facilities and equipment	1317
necessary for the operation of the statewide consortium.	1318
	1319
(H) The statewide consortium board shall elect a chairperson	1320
from its membership. The statewide consortium board shall meet at	1321
least four times per year and shall keep a record of its	1322
proceedings. The record of its proceedings shall be open to the	1323
public for inspection. The chairperson or the chairperson's	1324
designee shall send a written notice of the time and place of each	1325
meeting to each member. A majority of the members of the statewide	1326
<u>consortium board shall constitute a quorum.</u>	1327

Sec. 4513.35. (A) All fines collected under sections 4511.01 1328 to 4511.78, 4511.99, and 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code 1329 shall be paid into the county treasury and, with the exception of 1330 that portion distributed under section 3375.53 307.515 of the 1331 Revised Code, shall be placed to the credit of the fund for the 1332 maintenance and repair of the highways within that county, except 1333 that: 1334

(1) All fines for violations of division (B) of section
4513.263 shall be delivered to the treasurer of state as provided
1336 in division (E) of section 4513.263 of the Revised Code.
1337

(2) All fines collected from, or moneys arising from bondsforfeited by, persons apprehended or arrested by state highway1339

patrolmen shall be distributed as provided in section 5503.04 of 1340 the Revised Code. 1341

(3)(a) Subject to division (E) of section 4513.263 of the
Revised Code and except as otherwise provided in division
(A)(3)(b) of this section, one-half of all fines collected from,
1344
and one-half of all moneys arising from bonds forfeited by,
persons apprehended or arrested by a township constable or other
1346
township police officer shall be paid to the township treasury to
1347
be placed to the credit of the general fund.

(b) All fines collected from, and all moneys arising from 1349 bonds forfeited by, persons apprehended or arrested by a township 1350 constable or other township police officer pursuant to division 1351 (B)(2) of section 4513.39 of the Revised Code for a violation of 1352 section 4511.21 of the Revised Code or any other law, ordinance, 1353 or regulation pertaining to speed that occurred on a highway 1354 included as part of the interstate system, as defined in section 1355 5516.01 of the Revised Code, shall be paid into the county 1356 treasury and be credited as provided in the first paragraph of 1357 this section. 1358

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of 1359any other section of the Revised Code: 1360

(1) All fines collected from, and all moneys arising from 1361 bonds forfeited by, persons arrested under division (E)(1) or (2)1362 of section 2935.03 of the Revised Code are deemed to be collected, 1363 and to arise, from arrests made within the jurisdiction in which 1364 the arresting officer is appointed, elected, or employed, for 1365 violations of one of the sections or chapters of the Revised Code 1366 listed in division (E)(1) of that section and shall be distributed 1367 accordingly. 1368

(2) All fines collected from, and all moneys arising frombonds forfeited by, persons arrested under division (E)(3) of1370

section 2935.03 of the Revised Code are deemed to be collected, 1371 and to arise, from arrests made within the jurisdiction in which 1372 the arresting officer is appointed, elected, or employed, for 1373 violations of municipal ordinances that are substantially 1374 equivalent to one of the sections or one of the provisions of one 1375 of the chapters of the Revised Code listed in division (E)(1) of 1376 that section and for violations of one of the sections or one of 1377 the provisions of one of the chapters of the Revised Code listed 1378 in division (E)(1) of that section, and shall be distributed 1379 accordingly. 1380

Section 4. That existing sections 733.40, 1901.024, 1901.31,13811907.20, 2949.111, 3375.50, and 4513.35 and sections 3375.48,13823375.51, 3375.52, and 3375.53 of the Revised Code are hereby1383repealed.1384

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect1385January 1, 2010, except that section 3375.48 of the Revised Code,1386as repealed by this act, shall take effect December 31, 2009.1387

Section 6. That section 3375.49 of the Revised Code, as1388amended by this act, shall take effect December 31, 2008.1389

Section 7. Section 3375.49 of the Revised Code, as amended by 1390 this act, is hereby repealed effective December 31, 2009. 1391

Section 8. (A) The Task Force on Law Library Associations 1392 created pursuant to Section 503.06 of Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 1393 126th General Assembly is hereby reconstituted. The appointing 1394 authority shall fill any vacancies on the reconstituted Task 1395 Force. 1396

(B) The Task Force shall help educate the county law library 1397resources boards with regards to the new structure and 1398

organization of county law libraries, facilitate the establishment1399of the county law library resources boards, including the1400transition of the management of county law libraries from the law1401library associations to the county law library resources boards,1402and monitor the necessary and proper expenditure of the county law1403library resources fund, as provided for in section 307.514 of the1404Revised Code.1405

(C) The Task Force shall submit a final report to the Speaker 1406
and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the 1407
President and Minority Leader of the Senate by December 31, 2011. 1408
Upon submission of its report, the Task Force shall cease to 1409
exist. 1410

(D) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not 1411 apply to the Task Force. 1412

Section 9. (A) On or before January 1, 2010, a law library 1413 association shall transfer both of the following to the county law 1414 library resources board in the county in which the law library 1415 association is located: 1416

(1) All unspent fines and penalties in the law library's 1417
general fund and retained moneys fund collected pursuant to 1418
sections 3375.50 to 3375.53 of the Revised Code; 1419

(2) All personal property that the law library association
can reasonably identify as having been purchased by the fines and
penalties in the law library's general fund or retained moneys
fund collected pursuant to sections 3375.50 to 3375.53 of the
Revised Code.

(B) The law library association shall retain all dedicated
 moneys or personal property that were not purchased with the fines
 and penalties in the law library's general revenue fund or
 retained moneys fund.

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

Section 10. With respect to a person employed by a law 1429 library association referred to in section 3375.48 of the Revised 1430 Code immediately preceding the effective date of this section and 1431 upon that person's employment by a county law library resources 1432 board, the board shall use the following methods for determining 1433 the employee's vacation accrual rate and credit for accrued but 1434 unused vacation leave and sick leave: 1435

(A) For the librarian and assistant librarians who received
1436
compensation pursuant to section 3375.49 of the Revised Code and
1437
were paid upon warrant of the county auditor, the county law
1438
library resources board shall do all of the following:
1439

(1) Credit to the employee accrued but unused sick leave
acquired during service with the law library association as if the
1441
employee were transferring from one public agency to another
1442
public agency pursuant to section 124.38 of the Revised Code;
1443

(2) Consider all of the employee's prior service with the law
 1444
 library association as service with the county for purposes of
 1445
 determining years of service pursuant to section 325.19 of the
 1446
 Revised Code;

(3) One of the following:

1448

(a) Compensate the employee for accrued but unused vacation
1449
leave acquired during service with the law library association at
1450
the employee's final rate of pay while employed by the
1451
association, except that this compensation of vacation leave shall
1452
not exceed the vacation leave a county employee is permitted to
1453
earn and accumulate under section 325.19 of the Revised Code;
1454

(b) Credit to the employee accrued but unused vacation leave
acquired during service with the law library association, except
that this credited vacation leave shall not exceed the vacation
leave a county employee is permitted to earn and accumulate under
section 325.19 of the Revised Code.

S. B. No. 345 As Introduced

(B) For all employees of the law library association not 1460 specified in division (A) of this section, the county law library 1461 resources board may do either of the following by resolution: 1462

(1) Credit to the employee all or any part of accrued but 1463 unused sick leave acquired during service with the law library 1464 association as if the employee were transferring from one public 1465 agency to another public agency pursuant to section 124.38 of the 1466 Revised Code; 1467

(2) Consider all or any part of the employee's prior service 1468 with the law library association as service with the county for 1469 purposes of determining years of service pursuant to section 1470 325.19 of the Revised Code. 1471

(C) Any resolution the law library resources board adopts 1472 pursuant to division (B) of this section shall not be effective if 1473 the board of county commissioners rejects the resolution within 1474 thirty days of receiving the resolution. 1475