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## **A B I L L**

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07,	1
1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.32, 1901.34, and	2
1907.11 and to enact section 4510.73 of the	3
Revised Code to allow, in certain circumstances,	4
all issues concerning a person's driver's license	5
to be litigated in a single court, to create the	6
Putnam County Municipal Court in Ottawa on January	7
1, 2011, to establish one full-time judgeship in	8
that court, to provide for the nomination of the	9
judge by petition only, to abolish the Putnam	10
County County Court on that date, to designate the	11
Putnam County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the	12
Putnam County Municipal Court, to provide for the	13
election for the Putnam County Municipal Court of	14
one full-time judge in 2011, and to make deputy	15
sheriffs and members of a township or joint	16
township police force ex officio deputy bailiffs	17
of municipal courts.	18

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

**Section 1.** That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 19  
1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.32, 1901.34, and 1907.11 be 20  
amended and section 4510.73 of the Revised Code be enacted to read 21  
as follows: 22

**Sec. 1901.01.** (A) There is hereby established a municipal 23  
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 24

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 25  
Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling Green, 26  
Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, Celina, 27  
Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Circleville, 28  
Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, Coshocton, 29  
Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East Cleveland, East 30  
Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, Fairfield, Findlay, 31  
Fostoria, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield Heights, 32  
Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Huron, 33  
Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, Lebanon, 34  
Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, Marietta, 35  
Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, Mentor, 36  
Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount Vernon, 37  
Napoleon, Newark, New Philadelphia, Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, 38  
Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, Painesville, Parma, Perrysburg, 39  
Port Clinton, Portsmouth, Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker 40  
Heights, Shelby, Sidney, South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, 41  
Struthers, Sylvania, Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, 42  
Vandalia, Van Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City 43  
of Washington in Fayette county, to be known as Washington Court 44  
House, Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and 45  
Zanesville. 46

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 47  
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 48  
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 49  
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 50  
municipal court. The municipal court established by this division 51  
is a continuation of the municipal court previously established in 52  
Batavia by this section before the enactment of this division. 53

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 54  
Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation 55  
or unincorporated territory within Columbiana county, except the 56  
municipal corporation of East Liverpool or Liverpool or St. Clair 57  
township, that is selected by the judges of the municipal court 58  
pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code. 59

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established a 60  
municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 61  
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 62  
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 63  
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 64  
authority of that court. 65

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 66  
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 67  
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 68

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established a 69  
municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 70

**Sec. 1901.02.** (A) The municipal courts established by section 71  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the corporate 72  
limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, for the 73  
Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county municipal 74  
court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal 75  
court, within the municipal corporation or unincorporated 76  
territory in which they are established, and are courts of record. 77

Each of the courts shall be styled 78  
"..... municipal court," inserting 79  
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 80  
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 81

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that shall 82  
be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal court"; 83

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that shall 84  
be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal court"; 85

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall be 86  
styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 87

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall be 88  
styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 89

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall be 90  
styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 91

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall be 92  
styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 93

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall be 94  
styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court"; 95

(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall be 96  
styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court"; 97

(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that shall 98  
be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal court"; 99

(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be 100  
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court"; 101

(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall be 102  
styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court"; 103

(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall be 104  
styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court"; 105

(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall be 106

styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court"; 107

(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall be 108  
styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court"; 109

(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that 110  
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court"; 111

(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall be 112  
styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court"; 113

(17) The municipal court established within Clermont county 114  
in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated 115  
territory within Clermont county that is selected by the 116  
legislative authority of that court that shall be styled and known 117  
as the "Clermont county municipal court"; 118

(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that, 119  
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the "Clinton 120  
county municipal court"; 121

(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that 122  
shall be styled and known as "the Ottawa county municipal court"; 123

(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, 124  
beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the 125  
"Fairfield county municipal court"; 126

(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana county 127  
in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated 128  
territory selected pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of 129  
the Revised Code, that shall be styled and known as the 130  
"Columbiana county municipal court"; 131

(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, 132  
beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 133  
"Brown county municipal court"; 134

(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, 135  
beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the 136

"Morrow county municipal court"; 137

(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, 138  
beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke 139  
county municipal court"; 140

(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, 141  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 142  
"Holmes county municipal court"; 143

(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, 144  
beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the 145  
"Carroll county municipal court"; 146

(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in 147  
Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 148  
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within the 149  
territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by the 150  
legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 1, 151  
2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 152  
court." 153

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 154  
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 155  
"Putnam county municipal court." 156

(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division (A) 157  
of this section, the municipal courts established by section 158  
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows: 159

The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath, 160  
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal 161  
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit 162  
county. 163

The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within 164  
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark 165  
county. 166

The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashland county.	167 168
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	169 170
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within Athens county.	171 172
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction within Auglaize county.	173 174
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	175 176
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn, and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in Summit county.	177 178 179 180 181
The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange, Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	182 183 184 185 186
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within Logan county.	187 188
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township in Sandusky county.	189 190 191
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights, Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted township, in Cuyahoga county.	192 193 194 195
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within the	196

municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner, Custar,	197
Cygnnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City, Milton	198
Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising Sun,	199
Tontogany, Wayne, and Weston, and within Bloom, Center, Freedom,	200
Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty, Middleton, Milton,	201
Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington, Webster, and Weston	202
townships in Wood county.	203
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal court	204
has jurisdiction within Brown county.	205
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	206
county.	207
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	208
Guernsey county.	209
The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within	210
Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	211
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton,	212
Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in	213
Stark county.	214
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within	215
Carroll county.	216
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer	217
county.	218
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within	219
Champaign county.	220
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga	221
county.	222
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	223
county.	224
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within	225
Pickaway county.	226



The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within	227
Clark county.	228
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within	229
Clermont county.	230
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the	231
municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	232
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court	233
has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	234
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within	235
all of Columbiana county except within the municipal corporation	236
of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and St. Clair	237
townships.	238
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within	239
Coshocton county.	240
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within	241
Crawford county.	242
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court	243
has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center,	244
Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal	245
corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield,	246
Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg,	247
and Macedonia, in Summit county.	248
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal court	249
has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the municipal	250
corporation of Bradford.	251
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within Defiance	252
county.	253
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within Delaware	254
county.	255
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within	256

Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	257
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble county.	258 259
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	260 261 262 263
Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and Vermilion.	264 265 266 267 268
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	269 270 271
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	272 273
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Hancock county except within Washington township.	274 275
The Fostoria municipal court has jurisdiction within Loudon and Jackson townships in Seneca county, within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry township in Wood county.	276 277 278
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin township in Warren county.	279 280
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction within Franklin county.	281 282
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	283 284
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within Gallia county.	285 286

The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	287
the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton Hills, Valley	288
View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights, Independence, and	289
Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	290
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within Liberty,	291
Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	292
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross and	293
St. Clair townships in Butler county.	294
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction within	295
Hamilton county.	296
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	297
Hardin county.	298
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	299
Highland county except within Madison township.	300
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	301
Hocking county.	302
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	303
Holmes county.	304
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	305
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	306
corporation of Sandusky.	307
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	308
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	309
townships in Lawrence county.	310
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	311
Jackson county.	312
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	313
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	314
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	315

Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	316
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	317
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction within	318
the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes, Union, and	319
Windsor in Lawrence county.	320
The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	321
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	322
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	323
Licking county.	324
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	325
county.	326
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	327
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	328
township, in Lorain county.	329
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	330
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, Mayfield,	331
Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga county.	332
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	333
Madison county.	334
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	335
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	336
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	337
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	338
Richland county.	339
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	340
Washington county.	341
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	342
county.	343
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within Union	344
county.	345

The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within Deerfield township in Warren county. 346  
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The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson townships in Stark county. 348  
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The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas county. 351  
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The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield, Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in Medina county. 356  
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The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county. 362  
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The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of Bradford that is located in Darke county. 364  
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The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county. 367  
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The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county. 370  
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Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 373  
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The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within Knox 375

county.	376
The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry	377
county.	378
The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction within	379
the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, Bucks,	380
Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, Franklin,	381
Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in Tuscarawas	382
county.	383
The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within	384
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington,	385
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county.	386
The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the	387
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield	388
township in Trumbull county.	389
The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	390
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue	391
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships.	392
The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the	393
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South	394
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden,	395
Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and	396
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except	397
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county.	398
The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the	399
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem	400
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake	401
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the	402
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the	403
Toledo municipal court.	404
The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within	405

Ottawa county.	406
The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within	407
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in Lake	408
county.	409
The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the	410
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, North	411
Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn Heights in	412
Cuyahoga county.	413
The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	414
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford,	415
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, in	416
Wood county.	417
The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within	418
Portage county.	419
The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within Scioto	420
county.	421
<u>The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within</u>	422
<u>Putnam county.</u>	423
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within the	424
municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park,	425
and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in Cuyahoga	426
county.	427
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the	428
municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within	429
Perkins township, in Erie county.	430
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within	431
the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood,	432
Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	433
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon,	434
Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and within	435

all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, in 436  
Richland county. 437

The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby 438  
county. 439

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has 440  
jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore 441  
Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal 442  
corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe 443  
Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, 444  
Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county. 445

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 446  
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and Poland, 447  
and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning county. 448

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 449  
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within Sylvania, 450  
Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within those 451  
portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships lying 452  
north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in 453  
Lucas county. 454

The Tiffin municipal court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big 455  
Spring, Bloom, Clinton, Eden, Hopewell, Liberty, Pleasant, Reed, 456  
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county. 457

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within Washington 458  
township, and within the municipal corporation of Ottawa Hills, in 459  
Lucas county. 460

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 461  
Wyandot county. 462

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 463  
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 464  
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 465



county. 466

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van Wert 467  
county. 468

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 469  
townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within all 470  
of Brownhelm township except within the municipal corporation of 471  
Lorain, in Lorain county. 472

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 473  
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 474  
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, Sharon, 475  
Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 476

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren and 477  
Champion townships, and within all of Howland township except 478  
within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull county. 479

The Washington Court House municipal court has jurisdiction 480  
within Fayette county. 481

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 482  
Wayne county. 483

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 484  
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 485  
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 486  
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 487  
county. 488

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 489  
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 490

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 491  
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 492  
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 493  
Greene county. 494

(C) As used in this section: 495

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but not 496  
limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 497  
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 498  
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 499  
governmentally a part of the township. 500

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land within 501  
the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation and any 502  
townships that are coextensive with the municipal corporation. 503

**Sec. 1901.03.** As used in this chapter: 504

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 505  
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 1901.01 506  
and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 507

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative authority 508  
of the municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other 509  
than a county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 510  
respective board of county commissioners of the county in which a 511  
county-operated municipal court is located. 512

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 513  
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 514  
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 515  
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 516  
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 517

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 518  
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 519  
county-operated municipal court, is located. 520

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 521  
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 522  
county-operated municipal court, is located. 523

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 524  
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, Columbiana 525

county, Crawford county, Darke county, Hamilton county, Hocking 526  
county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Lawrence county, Madison 527  
county, Miami county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage 528  
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court and, 529  
effective January 1, 2008, also includes the Erie county municipal 530  
court. 531

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 532  
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 533  
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 534  
judge sits pursuant to section 1901.021 of the Revised Code. 535

**Sec. 1901.07.** (A) All municipal court judges shall be elected 536  
on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a municipal 537  
court in which only one judge is to be elected in any one year, 538  
that judge's term commences on the first day of January after the 539  
election. In a municipal court in which two or more judges are to 540  
be elected in any one year, their terms commence on successive 541  
days beginning the first day of January, following the election, 542  
unless otherwise provided by section 1901.08 of the Revised Code. 543  
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(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be nominated 545  
either by nominating petition or by primary election, except that 546  
if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends only to the 547  
corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which the court 548  
is located and that municipal corporation operates under a 549  
charter, all candidates shall be nominated in the same manner 550  
provided in the charter for the office of municipal court judge 551  
or, if no specific provisions are made in the charter for the 552  
office of municipal court judge, in the same manner as the charter 553  
prescribes for the nomination and election of the legislative 554  
authority of the municipal corporation. 555

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond the 556

corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 557  
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend beyond 558  
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 559  
located and no charter provisions apply, all candidates for party 560  
nomination to the office of municipal court judge shall file a 561  
declaration of candidacy and petition not later than four p.m. of 562  
the seventy-fifth day before the day of the primary election, or 563  
if the primary election is a presidential primary election, not 564  
later than four p.m. of the sixtieth day before the day of the 565  
presidential primary election, in the form prescribed by section 566  
3513.07 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the 567  
requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy contained 568  
in section 3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition 569  
shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the 570  
court. If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for 571  
nomination as a candidate of a political party for election to the 572  
office of municipal court judge, or if the number of persons 573  
filing the declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates 574  
of one political party for election to the office does not exceed 575  
the number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate 576  
as its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 577  
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 578  
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 579  
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 580  
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 581

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond the 582  
corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 583  
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend beyond 584  
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 585  
located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan candidates 586  
for the office of municipal court judge shall file nominating 587  
petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before the day of 588  
the primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.261 of 589

the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 590  
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 591  
3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 592  
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 593

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 594  
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term for 595  
which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 596  
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated shall 597  
be submitted to the electors of the territory on a nonpartisan, 598  
judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for judges of the 599  
court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal corporation 600  
operating under a charter, all candidates for municipal court 601  
judge shall be elected in conformity with the charter if 602  
provisions are made in the charter for the election of municipal 603  
court judges. 604

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, in 605  
the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated and 606  
elected as follows: 607

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 608  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 609  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be in 610  
the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within the 611  
time prescribed by the charter of the city of Cleveland for filing 612  
petitions of candidates for municipal offices. Each elector shall 613  
have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as are to 614  
be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by the 615  
electors of the territory of the court in the manner provided by 616  
law for the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 617

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 618  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 619  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be in 620  
the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within the 621

time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo for filing 622  
nominating petitions for city council. Each elector shall have the 623  
right to sign petitions for as many candidates as are to be 624  
elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by the electors 625  
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 626  
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 627

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 628  
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 629  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be in 630  
statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within the 631  
time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for filing 632  
nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. Each 633  
elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 634  
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be 635  
elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 636  
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 637  
common pleas. 638

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges shall 639  
be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 640  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court, which 641  
petitions shall be signed, verified, and filed in the manner and 642  
within the time required by law for nominating petitions for 643  
members of council of the city of Cincinnati. The judges shall be 644  
elected by the electors of the territory of the court at the 645  
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 646  
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 647

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges shall 648  
be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 649  
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. The petition 650  
shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner 651  
and within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 652  
Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 653

The judges shall be elected by the electors of the territory of 654  
the court in the manner provided by law for the election of judges 655  
of the court of common pleas. 656

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 657  
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Putnam, and 658  
Wayne county municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated only 659  
by petition. The petitions shall be signed by at least fifty 660  
electors of the territory of the court and shall conform to the 661  
provisions of this section. 662

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges shall 663  
be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 664  
as provided in division (B) of this section. 665

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either a 666  
full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the jurisdiction 667  
of the court" means that territory as it will be on the first day 668  
of January after the election. 669

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 670  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 671  
their terms shall be as follows: 672

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 673  
elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1953, 674  
one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one full-time 675  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 676

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 677  
elected in 1953. 678

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 679  
elected in 1951. 680

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge shall 681  
be elected in 1953. 682

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 683

shall be elected in 1967. 684

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge 685  
shall be elected in 1975. 686

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one part-time judge shall 687  
be elected in 1957. 688

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 689  
be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 690  
1971. 691

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 692  
elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979. 693

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 694  
shall be elected in 1993. 695

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 696  
elected in 1951. 697

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 698  
elected in 2005. 699

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 700  
shall be elected in 1983. 701

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 702  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the 703  
part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed 704  
prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 705  
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 706  
until December 31, 2005. 707

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 708  
elected in 1965. 709

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall 710  
be elected in 1951. 711

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 712



elected in 1963. 713

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 714  
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and 715  
two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 716

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 717  
shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 718  
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 719  
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 720  
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 721  
December 31, 2009. 722

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 723  
elected in 1957. 724

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time judge 725  
shall be elected in 2001. 726

In the Chardon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 727  
elected in 1963. 728

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge shall 729  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 730  
1977. 731

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 732  
be elected in 1953. 733

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 734  
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 735  
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield municipal 736  
court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as the judges 737  
of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until 738  
the end of their respective terms. 739

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time judges 740  
shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected 741  
in 1999. 742

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges shall 743  
be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be elected in 744  
1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 1955. 745

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 746  
shall be elected in 1957. 747

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 748  
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 749  
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 750  
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the 751  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 752

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 753  
judges shall be elected in 2001. 754

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 755  
elected in 1953. 756

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 757  
be elected in 1951. 758

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time judge 759  
shall be elected in 1977. 760

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 761  
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected 762  
in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal 763  
court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the Cuyahoga 764  
Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this section in 765  
2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, and January 766  
1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time judges of the Stow 767  
municipal court until December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2013, 768  
respectively. 769

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge 770  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time 771  
judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior to that 772

date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the 773  
full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 774  
31, 2005. 775

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges shall 776  
be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive days 777  
beginning on the first day of January next after their election, 778  
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, their terms to 779  
commence on successive days beginning on the second day of January 780  
next after their election. 781

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 782  
elected in 1957. 783

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 784  
elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2007. 785

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 786  
shall be elected in 1957. 787

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 788  
shall be elected in 1953. 789

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 790  
elected in 1973. 791

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 792  
elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 793

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge shall 794  
be elected in 2007. 795

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 796  
elected in 1951. 797

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 798  
elected in 1977. 799

In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time judge 800  
shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be elected 801  
in 2005. 802

In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall 803  
be elected in 1989. 804

In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 805  
elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993. 806

In the Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 807  
elected in 1975. 808

In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 809  
elected in 1951. 810

In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time judges 811  
shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be elected 812  
in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in 1967, one 813  
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-time judge 814  
shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall be elected 815  
in 1997. 816

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 817  
elected in 1975. 818

In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge shall 819  
be elected in 1981. 820

In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 821  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected 822  
in 1981. 823

In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 824  
elected in 1963. 825

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 826  
elected in 1953. 827

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time judges 828  
shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be elected 829  
in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, and two 830  
full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of judges of 831  
the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on the first 832

day of January next after their election, except that the terms of 833  
the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall commence on 834  
January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the terms of the 835  
additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall commence on January 836  
4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 837

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 838  
shall be elected in 1989. 839

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge shall 840  
be elected in 2011. On and after ~~the effective date of this~~ 841  
~~amendment~~ December 30, 2008, the part-time judge of the Hillsboro 842  
municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time 843  
judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 844  
31, 2011. 845

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 846  
shall be elected in 1977. 847

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 848  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part-time 849  
judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior to that 850  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the 851  
full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal court until 852  
December 31, 2007. 853

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 854  
elected in 1967. 855

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 856  
elected in 1951. 857

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 858  
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the 859  
part-time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was 860  
elected in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 861  
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 862

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge shall 863  
be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 864  
1975. 865

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 866  
elected in 1955. 867

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge shall 868  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 869  
1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges of the 870  
Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 1999 shall 871  
serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the 872  
end of those judges' terms. 873

In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge 874  
shall be elected in 1981. 875

In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 876  
elected in 1955. 877

In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge 878  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected 879  
in 1971. 880

In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 881  
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. 882

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 883  
elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 884

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one part-time judge shall 885  
be elected in 1957. 886

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 887  
shall be elected in 1981. 888

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall 889  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 890  
1969. 891

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 892

elected in 1957.	893
In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	894
elected in 1951.	895
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall	896
be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time	897
judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005	898
shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of	899
that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	900
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	901
elected in 1965.	902
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	903
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	904
1971.	905
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	906
elected in 1963.	907
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	908
elected in 1957.	909
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	910
elected in 1971.	911
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge	912
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected	913
in 1979.	914
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one part-time judge shall	915
be elected in 1951.	916
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall	917
be elected in 1953.	918
In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge	919
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part-time	920
judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior to that	921
date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow county	922

municipal court until December 31, 2005.	923
In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge	924
shall be elected in 1951.	925
In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	926
elected in 2005.	927
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge	928
shall be elected in 1975.	929
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	930
shall be elected in 1963.	931
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	932
elected in 1951.	933
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	934
elected in 1975.	935
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be	936
elected in 1953.	937
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	938
elected in 1989.	939
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	940
elected in 1963.	941
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	942
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	943
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the	944
judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994,	945
until the end of that judge's term.	946
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall	947
be elected in 1951.	948
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	949
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and	950
one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	951



In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall 952  
be elected in 1977. 953

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time judges 954  
shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall be elected 955  
in 1971. 956

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 957  
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port Clinton 958  
municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of 959  
the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the 960  
end of that judge's term. 961

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 962  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 963  
1985. 964

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 965  
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part-time 966  
judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior to that 967  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as the 968  
full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal court until 969  
December 31, 2011. 970

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge shall 971  
be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 972  
1971. 973

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 974  
elected in 1953. 975

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 976  
shall be elected in 1957. 977

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 978  
elected in 1957. 979

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 980  
elected in 1995. 981

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 982  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 983  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 984  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 985  
January 1, 2000. 986

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 987  
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be elected 988  
in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the Springfield 989  
municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as the judges of 990  
the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the 991  
end of their respective terms. 992

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 993  
shall be elected in 1953. 994

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 995  
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. 996  
Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 997  
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 998  
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge of 999  
the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1000  
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1001  
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 1002  
2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court 1003  
until December 31, 2009. 1004

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1005  
be elected in 1963. 1006

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1007  
elected in 1963. 1008

In the Tiffin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1009  
elected in 1953. 1010

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be 1011  
elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, 1012

and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1013

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1014  
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1015  
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a 1016  
full-time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration 1017  
of that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1018  
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1019

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1020  
elected in 1959. 1021

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1022  
elected in 1957. 1023

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1024  
be elected in 1965. 1025

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1026  
be elected in 1981. 1027

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1028  
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1029

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full-time 1030  
judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1031  
1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1032  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1033  
January 1, 2000. 1034

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1035  
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected 1036  
in 1979. 1037

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1038  
be elected in 1951. 1039

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1040  
be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the Wilmington 1041  
municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the judge of the 1042

Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until the end of 1043  
that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1044

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1045  
elected in 1977. 1046

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1047  
be elected in 1951, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1048  
1953. 1049

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1050  
be elected in 1953. 1051

**Sec. 1901.31.** The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 1052  
court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 1053  
powers and duties as follows: 1054

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed or 1055  
elected as follows: 1056

(1)(a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Hamilton 1057  
county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts and 1058  
through December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if 1059  
the population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1060  
thousand at the regular municipal election immediately preceding 1061  
the expiration of the term of the present clerk, the clerk shall 1062  
be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the 1063  
territory in the manner that is provided for the nomination and 1064  
election of judges in section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1065

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1066  
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1067  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1068  
successor is elected and qualified. 1069

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1070  
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1071  
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1072

compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1073  
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1074  
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as the 1075  
clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming the 1076  
duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one-fourth 1077  
the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common 1078  
pleas as determined in accordance with the population of the 1079  
county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of 1080  
the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the county 1081  
treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition to the 1082  
annual compensation that is received for the performance of the 1083  
duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as provided in 1084  
sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1085

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts, 1086  
the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county shall be 1087  
the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and Wayne county 1088  
municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each 1089  
branch that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the 1090  
Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges of the municipal 1091  
court determine are necessary, all of whom shall receive the 1092  
compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The clerks 1093  
of courts of Portage county and Wayne county, acting as the clerks 1094  
of the Portage county and Wayne county municipal courts and 1095  
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1096  
payable from the county treasury in semimonthly installments at 1097  
one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1098  
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1099  
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1100  
of the Revised Code. 1101

(d) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(d) of 1102  
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1103  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by 1104

primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1105  
specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the nomination 1106  
of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of 1107  
section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations 1108  
of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the 1109  
nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of 1110  
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall be signed by at least 1111  
fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court. 1112

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1113  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1114  
later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 1115  
the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1116  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1117  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1118  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1119  
Revised Code. 1120

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 1121  
any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 1122  
party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron municipal 1123  
court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1124  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. 1125  
If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and 1126  
petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 1127  
party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be 1128  
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1129  
election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a 1130  
certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 1131  
3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1132

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1133  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 1134  
of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation of the 1135  
term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following 1136

regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be 1137  
submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court 1138  
in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised 1139  
Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so 1140  
elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term 1141  
shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's 1142  
election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and 1143  
qualified. 1144

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(e) of 1145  
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1146  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by 1147  
primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1148  
specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1149  
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1150  
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the 1151  
declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and 1152  
the nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office 1153  
of clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall be signed by at 1154  
least fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court. 1155

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1156  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1157  
later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 1158  
the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1159  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1160  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1161  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1162  
Revised Code. 1163

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 1164  
any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 1165  
party for election to the office of clerk of the Barberton 1166  
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1167  
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1168

that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1169  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1170  
particular political party for election to that office, a primary 1171  
election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a 1172  
candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1173  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1174  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1175

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1176  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 1177  
of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a designation of 1178  
the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following 1179  
regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be 1180  
submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court 1181  
in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised 1182  
Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so 1183  
elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term 1184  
shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's 1185  
election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and 1186  
qualified. 1187

(f)(i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise 1188  
provided in division (A)(1)(f)(i) of this section, in the Cuyahoga 1189  
Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the office of 1190  
clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary election. The 1191  
primary election shall be held on the day specified in the charter 1192  
of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the nomination of municipal 1193  
officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section 1194  
3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations of 1195  
candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the nominating 1196  
petitions of independent candidates for the office of clerk of the 1197  
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty 1198  
qualified electors of the territory of the court. 1199

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1200



petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1201  
later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 1202  
the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1203  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1204  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1205  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1206  
Revised Code. 1207

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 1208  
any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 1209  
party for election to the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls 1210  
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1211  
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1212  
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1213  
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1214  
particular political party for election to that office, a primary 1215  
election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating a 1216  
candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1217  
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1218  
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1219

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1220  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 1221  
of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a designation 1222  
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1223  
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1224  
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1225  
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1226  
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of the 1227  
court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1228  
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1229  
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1230  
successor is elected and qualified. 1231

(ii) Division (A)(1)(f)(i) of this section shall have no 1232

effect after December 31, 2008. 1233

(g) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(1)(g) of 1234  
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1235  
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by 1236  
primary election. The primary election shall be held on the day 1237  
specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the nomination 1238  
of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of 1239  
section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, the declarations 1240  
of candidacy and petitions of partisan candidates and the 1241  
nominating petitions of independent candidates for the office of 1242  
clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall be signed by at least 1243  
fifty qualified electors of the territory of the court. 1244

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1245  
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1246  
later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of 1247  
the primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1248  
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1249  
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1250  
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1251  
Revised Code. 1252

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed by 1253  
any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 1254  
party for election to the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal 1255  
court, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1256  
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that office. 1257  
If only one person files a valid declaration of candidacy and 1258  
petition for nomination as a candidate of a particular political 1259  
party for election to that office, a primary election shall not be 1260  
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1261  
election to that office, and the candidate shall be issued a 1262  
certificate of nomination in the manner set forth in section 1263  
3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1264

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1265  
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of clerk 1266  
of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation of the 1267  
term for which the candidate seeks election. At the following 1268  
regular municipal election, all candidates for the office shall be 1269  
submitted to the qualified electors of the territory of the court 1270  
in the manner that is provided in section 1901.07 of the Revised 1271  
Code for the election of the judges of the court. The clerk so 1272  
elected shall hold office for a term of six years, which term 1273  
shall commence on the first day of January following the clerk's 1274  
election and continue until the clerk's successor is elected and 1275  
qualified. 1276

(2)(a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1277  
county, Columbiana county, Holmes county, Putnam county, Lorain, 1278  
Massillon, and Youngstown municipal courts, in a municipal court 1279  
for which the population of the territory is less than one hundred 1280  
thousand, the clerk shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk 1281  
shall hold office until the clerk's successor is appointed and 1282  
qualified. 1283

(b) In the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1284  
municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of office 1285  
as described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section. 1286

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, ~~and~~ Holmes county, 1287  
and Putnam county municipal courts, the clerks of courts of 1288  
Auglaize county, Brown county, ~~and~~ Holmes county, and Putnam 1289  
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, 1290  
Brown county, ~~and~~ Holmes county, and Putnam county municipal 1291  
courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1292  
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1293  
Code, and assistant clerks as the judge of the court determines 1294  
are necessary, all of whom shall receive the compensation that the 1295  
legislative authority prescribes. The clerks of courts of Auglaize 1296

county, Brown county, ~~and~~ Holmes county, and Putnam county, acting 1297  
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, ~~and~~ Holmes 1298  
county, and Putnam county municipal courts and assuming the duties 1299  
of these offices, shall receive compensation payable from the 1300  
county treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate 1301  
that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1302  
determined in accordance with the population of the county and the 1303  
rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1304

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(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1306  
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1307  
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1308  
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1309  
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of the 1310  
court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy clerks and 1311  
assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that the 1312  
legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1313  
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1314  
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1315  
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1316  
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1317  
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1318  
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1319  
as determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1320  
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1321  
Code. 1322

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to illness, 1323  
vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint a temporary 1324  
clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have the same 1325  
authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1326

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Portage county, and Wayne 1327  
county municipal courts, if a vacancy occurs in the office of the 1328

clerk of the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal 1329  
court or occurs in the office of the clerk of a municipal court 1330  
for which the population of the territory equals or exceeds one 1331  
hundred thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office 1332  
before the end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails 1333  
to take office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1334  
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of the 1335  
territory of the court who are members of the county central 1336  
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1337  
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1338  
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1339  
of that county central committee shall meet to make an appointment 1340  
to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the date of the 1341  
meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the county central 1342  
committee shall notify each such member of that county central 1343  
committee by first class mail of the date, time, and place of the 1344  
meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such members of that 1345  
county central committee constitutes a quorum, and a majority of 1346  
the quorum is required to make the appointment. If the office so 1347  
vacated was occupied or was to be occupied by a person not 1348  
nominated at a primary election, or if the appointment was not 1349  
made by the committee members in accordance with this division, 1350  
the court shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy. A 1351  
successor shall be elected to fill the office for the unexpired 1352  
term at the first municipal election that is held more than one 1353  
hundred twenty days after the vacancy occurred. 1354

(C)(1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize county, 1355  
the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Holmes county, the 1356  
Putnam county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1357  
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the 1358  
clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual compensation 1359  
that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, if the revenue 1360  
of the court for the preceding calendar year, as certified by the 1361

auditor or chief fiscal officer of the municipal corporation in 1362  
which the court is located or, in the case of a county-operated 1363  
municipal court, the county auditor, is equal to or greater than 1364  
the expenditures, including any debt charges, for the operation of 1365  
the court payable under this chapter from the city treasury or, in 1366  
the case of a county-operated municipal court, the county treasury 1367  
for that calendar year, as also certified by the auditor or chief 1368  
fiscal officer. If the revenue of a municipal court, other than 1369  
the Auglaize county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the 1370  
Putnam county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1371  
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand for 1372  
the preceding calendar year as so certified is not equal to or 1373  
greater than those expenditures for the operation of the court for 1374  
that calendar year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court 1375  
shall receive the annual compensation that the legislative 1376  
authority prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means 1377  
the total of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the 1378  
city treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1379  
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) of 1380  
this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1381  
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1382  
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1383  
this section. 1384

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Hamilton county, 1385  
Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, for which the 1386  
population of the territory is one hundred thousand or more, and 1387  
in the Lorain municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court 1388  
shall receive annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five 1389  
per cent of the salary of a judge of the court. 1390

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C)(1) 1391  
or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana county 1392  
municipal court is payable in either semimonthly installments or 1393

biweekly installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1394  
from the same sources and in the same manner as provided in 1395  
section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, except that the compensation 1396  
of the clerk of the Carroll county municipal court is payable in 1397  
biweekly installments. 1398

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1399  
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1400  
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the court, 1401  
conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's duties. 1402

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1403  
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue executions 1404  
upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a judgment for 1405  
unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of the court to all 1406  
writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing out of the court; 1407  
and approve all bonds, sureties, recognizances, and undertakings 1408  
fixed by any judge of the court or by law. The clerk may refuse to 1409  
accept for filing any pleading or paper submitted for filing by a 1410  
person who has been found to be a vexatious litigator under 1411  
section 2323.52 of the Revised Code and who has failed to obtain 1412  
leave to proceed under that section. The clerk shall do all of the 1413  
following: file and safely keep all journals, records, books, and 1414  
papers belonging or appertaining to the court; record the 1415  
proceedings of the court; perform all other duties that the judges 1416  
of the court may prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts 1417  
and disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection 1418  
at all times. 1419

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1420  
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 1421  
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the docket, 1422  
the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement of an 1423  
action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 1424  
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 1425

the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 1426  
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 1427  
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 1428  
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 1429  
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may order 1430  
an extended record of any of the above to be made and entered, 1431  
under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the request of 1432  
any party to the case, the expense of which record may be taxed as 1433  
costs in the case or may be required to be prepaid by the party 1434  
demanding the record, upon order of the court. 1435

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 1436  
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1437  
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 1438  
clerk shall each month disburse to the proper persons or officers, 1439  
and take receipts for, all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1440  
moneys that the clerk collects. Subject to sections 307.515 and 1441  
4511.193 of the Revised Code and to any other section of the 1442  
Revised Code that requires a specific manner of disbursement of 1443  
any moneys received by a municipal court and except for the 1444  
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1445  
courts, the clerk shall pay all fines received for violation of 1446  
municipal ordinances into the treasury of the municipal 1447  
corporation the ordinance of which was violated and shall pay all 1448  
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1449  
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1450  
Revised Code into the treasury of the township the resolution of 1451  
which was violated. Subject to sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of 1452  
the Revised Code, in the Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and 1453  
Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent 1454  
of the fines received for violation of municipal ordinances and 1455  
fifty per cent of the fines received for violation of township 1456  
resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or 1457  
Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of the county. 1458



Subject to sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised 1459  
Code and to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1460  
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1461  
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1462  
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1463  
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs and 1464  
fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in 1465  
the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1466  
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1467  
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the Revised 1468  
Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as security for 1469  
costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The clerk shall 1470  
keep a separate account of all receipts and disbursements in civil 1471  
and criminal cases, which shall be a permanent public record of 1472  
the office. On the expiration of the term of the clerk, the clerk 1473  
shall deliver the records to the clerk's successor. The clerk 1474  
shall have other powers and duties as are prescribed by rule or 1475  
order of the court. 1476

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted on 1477  
the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1478  
deposited in a state or national bank, or a domestic savings and 1479  
loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised 1480  
Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon 1481  
the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, in 1482  
a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid into 1483  
the treasury of the county in which the court is located. 1484

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk shall 1485  
make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that were 1486  
finally determined more than one year past in which there remains 1487  
unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or any part of 1488  
a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the costs in the 1489  
case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to the parties who 1490

are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys of record. All 1491  
the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day of April of each 1492  
year shall be paid by the clerk to the city treasurer, except 1493  
that, in a county-operated municipal court, the moneys shall be 1494  
paid to the treasurer of the county in which the court is located. 1495  
The treasurer shall pay any part of the moneys at any time to the 1496  
person who has the right to the moneys upon proper certification 1497  
of the clerk. 1498

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the Carroll 1499  
county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and shall 1500  
receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly installments 1501  
or semimonthly installments, as determined by the payroll 1502  
administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk may 1503  
prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk of a 1504  
county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the treasury 1505  
of the county in which the court is located. The judge of the 1506  
Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks for the 1507  
court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the compensation, 1508  
payable in biweekly installments out of the county treasury, that 1509  
the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall take an oath of 1510  
office before entering upon the duties of the deputy clerk's 1511  
office and, when so qualified, may perform the duties appertaining 1512  
to the office of the clerk. The clerk may require any of the 1513  
deputy clerks to give bond of not less than three thousand 1514  
dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the deputy 1515  
clerk's duties. 1516

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the population 1517  
of the territory of a municipal court falls below one hundred 1518  
thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the population of the 1519  
territory prior to the most recent regular federal census exceeded 1520  
one hundred thousand, the legislative authority of the municipal 1521  
corporation may declare, by resolution, that the territory shall 1522

be considered to have a population of at least one hundred 1523  
thousand. 1524

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at all 1525  
sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in the 1526  
courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors and 1527  
receive verdicts. 1528

**Sec. 1901.312.** (A) As used in this section, "health care 1529  
coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the 1530  
Revised Code. 1531

(B) The legislative authority, after consultation with the 1532  
clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, shall negotiate 1533  
and contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure group health care 1534  
coverage for the clerk and deputy clerks and their spouses and 1535  
dependents from insurance companies authorized to engage in the 1536  
business of insurance in this state under Title XXXIX of the 1537  
Revised Code or health insuring corporations holding certificates 1538  
of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, except that 1539  
if the county or municipal corporation served by the legislative 1540  
authority provides group health care coverage for its employees, 1541  
the group health care coverage required by this section shall be 1542  
provided, if possible, through the policy or plan under which the 1543  
group health care coverage is provided for the county or municipal 1544  
corporation employees. 1545

(C) The portion of the costs, premiums, or charges for the 1546  
group health care coverage procured pursuant to division (B) of 1547  
this section that is not paid by the clerk and deputy clerks of 1548  
the municipal court, or all of the costs, premiums, or charges for 1549  
the group health care coverage if the clerk and deputy clerks will 1550  
not be paying any such portion, shall be paid as follows: 1551

(1) If the municipal court is a county-operated municipal 1552  
court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges or all of 1553

the costs, premiums, or charges shall be paid out of the treasury 1554  
of the county. 1555

(2)(a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1556  
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges in 1557  
connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or 1558  
charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three-fifths 1559  
and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and appropriate 1560  
county treasuries as described in division (C) of section 1901.31 1561  
of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a city treasury is 1562  
subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised 1563  
Code. 1564

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated municipal 1565  
court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges in 1566  
connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, premiums, 1567  
or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall be paid from 1568  
the city treasury and shall be subject to apportionment under 1569  
section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1570

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the Auglaize 1571  
county, Hamilton county, Portage county, Putnam county, or Wayne 1572  
county municipal court, if health care coverage is provided to the 1573  
clerk by virtue of the clerk's employment as the clerk of the 1574  
court of common pleas of Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Portage 1575  
county, Putnam county, or Wayne county. 1576

**Sec. 1901.32.** (A) The bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of a 1577  
municipal court shall be provided for, and their duties are, as 1578  
follows: 1579

(1) Except for the Hamilton county municipal court, the court 1580  
shall appoint a bailiff who shall receive the annual compensation 1581  
that the court prescribes payable in either biweekly installments 1582  
or semimonthly installments, as determined by the payroll 1583  
administrator, from the same sources and in the same manner as 1584

provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code. The court may 1585  
provide that the chief of police of the municipal corporation or a 1586  
member of the police force be appointed by the court to be the 1587  
bailiff of the court. Before entering upon the duties of office, 1588  
the bailiff shall take an oath to faithfully perform the duties of 1589  
the office and shall give a bond of not less than three thousand 1590  
dollars, as the legislative authority prescribes, conditioned for 1591  
the faithful performance the duties of chief bailiff. 1592

(2) Except for the Hamilton county municipal court, deputy 1593  
bailiffs may be appointed by the court. Deputy bailiffs shall 1594  
receive the compensation payable in semimonthly installments out 1595  
of the city treasury that the court prescribes, except that the 1596  
compensation of deputy bailiffs in a county-operated municipal 1597  
court shall be paid out of the treasury of the county in which the 1598  
court is located. Each deputy bailiff shall give a bond in an 1599  
amount not less than one thousand dollars, and, when so qualified, 1600  
may perform the duties pertaining to the office of chief bailiff 1601  
of the court. 1602

(3) The bailiff and all deputy bailiffs of the Hamilton 1603  
county municipal court shall be appointed by the clerk and shall 1604  
receive the compensation payable in semimonthly installments out 1605  
of the treasury of Hamilton county that the clerk prescribes. Each 1606  
judge of the Hamilton county municipal court may appoint a 1607  
courtroom bailiff, each of whom shall receive the compensation 1608  
payable in semimonthly installments out of the treasury of 1609  
Hamilton county that the court prescribes. 1610

(4) The legislative authority may purchase motor vehicles for 1611  
the use of the bailiffs and deputy bailiffs as the court 1612  
determines they need to perform the duties of their office. All 1613  
expenses, maintenance, and upkeep of the vehicles shall be paid by 1614  
the legislative authority upon approval by the court. Any 1615  
allowances, costs, and expenses for the operation of private motor 1616

vehicles by bailiffs and deputy bailiffs for official duties, 1617  
including the cost of oil, gasoline, and maintenance, shall be 1618  
prescribed by the court and, subject to the approval of the 1619  
legislative authority, shall be paid from the city treasury, 1620  
except that the allowances, costs, and expenses for the bailiffs 1621  
and deputy bailiffs of a county-operated municipal court shall be 1622  
paid from the treasury of the county in which the court is 1623  
located. 1624

(5) Every police officer of any municipal corporation and 1625  
police constable of a township within the territory of the court 1626  
is ex officio a deputy bailiff of the court in and for the 1627  
municipal corporation or township in which commissioned as a 1628  
police officer or police constable, and shall perform any duties 1629  
in respect to cases within the ~~officer~~ officer's or constable's 1630  
jurisdiction that are required by a judge of the court, or by the 1631  
clerk or a bailiff or deputy bailiff of the court, without 1632  
additional compensation. 1633

(6) In Putnam county, in addition to the persons who are ex 1634  
officio deputy bailiffs under division (A)(5) of this section, 1635  
every deputy sheriff of Putnam county is ex officio a deputy 1636  
bailiff of the Putnam county municipal court and shall perform 1637  
without additional compensation any duties in respect to cases 1638  
within the deputy sheriff's jurisdiction that are required by a 1639  
judge of the court, by the clerk of the court, or by a bailiff or 1640  
deputy bailiff of the court. 1641

(7) The bailiff and deputy bailiffs shall perform for the 1642  
court services similar to those performed by the sheriff for the 1643  
court of common pleas and shall perform any other duties that are 1644  
requested by rule of court. 1645

The bailiff or deputy bailiff may administer oaths to 1646  
witnesses and jurors and receive verdicts in the same manner and 1647  
form and to the same extent as the clerk or deputy clerks of the 1648

court. The bailiff may approve all undertakings and bonds given in 1649  
actions of replevin and all redelivery bonds in attachments. 1650

(B) In the Cleveland municipal court, the chief clerks and 1651  
all deputy clerks are in the classified civil service of the city 1652  
of Cleveland. The clerk, the chief deputy clerks, the probation 1653  
officers, one private secretary, one personal stenographer to the 1654  
clerk, and one personal bailiff to each judge are in the 1655  
unclassified civil service of the city of Cleveland. Upon demand 1656  
of the clerk, the civil service commission of the city of 1657  
Cleveland shall certify a list of those eligible for the position 1658  
of deputy clerk. From the list, the clerk shall designate chief 1659  
clerks and the number of deputy clerks that the legislative 1660  
authority determines are necessary. 1661

Except as otherwise provided in this division, the bailiff, 1662  
chief deputy bailiffs, and all deputy bailiffs of the Cleveland 1663  
municipal court appointed after January 1, 1968, and the chief 1664  
housing specialist, housing specialists, and housing division 1665  
referees of the housing division of the Cleveland municipal court 1666  
appointed under section 1901.331 of the Revised Code are in the 1667  
unclassified civil service of the city of Cleveland. All deputy 1668  
bailiffs of the housing division of the Cleveland municipal court 1669  
appointed pursuant to that section are in the classified civil 1670  
service of the city of Cleveland. Upon the demand of the judge of 1671  
the housing division of the Cleveland municipal court, the civil 1672  
service commission of the city of Cleveland shall certify a list 1673  
of those eligible for the position of deputy bailiff of the 1674  
housing division. From the list, the judge of the housing division 1675  
shall designate the number of deputy bailiffs that the judge 1676  
determines are necessary. 1677

The chief deputy clerks, the chief clerks, and all other 1678  
deputy clerks of the Cleveland municipal court shall receive the 1679  
compensation that the clerk prescribes. Except as provided in 1680

division (A)(4)(a) of section 1901.331 of the Revised Code with 1681  
respect to officers and employees of the housing division of the 1682  
Cleveland municipal court, the bailiff, all deputy bailiffs, and 1683  
assignment room personnel of the Cleveland municipal court shall 1684  
receive the compensation that the court prescribes. 1685

Any appointee under sections 1901.01 to 1901.37 of the 1686  
Revised Code may be dismissed or discharged by the same power that 1687  
appointed the appointee. In the case of the removal of any civil 1688  
service appointee under those sections, an appeal may be taken 1689  
from the decision of the civil service commission to the court of 1690  
common pleas of Cuyahoga county to determine the sufficiency of 1691  
the cause of removal. The appeal shall be taken within ten days of 1692  
the finding of the commission. 1693

In the Cleveland municipal court, the presiding judge may 1694  
appoint on a full-time, per diem, or contractual basis any 1695  
official court reporters for the civil branch of the court that 1696  
the business of the court requires. The compensation of official 1697  
court reporters shall be determined by the presiding judge of the 1698  
court. The compensation shall be payable from the city treasury 1699  
and from the treasury of Cuyahoga county in the same proportion as 1700  
designated in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code for the payment 1701  
of compensation of municipal judges. In every trial in which the 1702  
services of a court reporter so appointed are requested by the 1703  
judge, any party, or the attorney for any party, there shall be 1704  
taxed for each day's services of the court reporter a fee in the 1705  
same amount as may be taxed for similar services in the court of 1706  
common pleas under section 2301.21 of the Revised Code, to be 1707  
collected as other costs in the case. The fees so collected shall 1708  
be paid quarterly by the clerk into the city treasury and the 1709  
treasury of Cuyahoga county in the same proportion as the 1710  
compensation for the court reporters is paid from the city and 1711  
county treasuries and shall be credited to the general funds of 1712



the city and county treasuries. 1713

(C) In the Hamilton county municipal court, all employees, 1714  
including the bailiff, deputy bailiff, and courtroom bailiffs, are 1715  
in the unclassified civil service. 1716

**Sec. 1901.34.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and (D) 1717  
of this section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1718  
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation within 1719  
the territory of a municipal court shall prosecute all cases 1720  
brought before the municipal court for criminal offenses occurring 1721  
within the municipal corporation for which that person is the 1722  
solicitor, director of law, or similar chief legal officer. Except 1723  
as provided in division (B) of this section, the village 1724  
solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer of 1725  
the municipal corporation in which a municipal court is located 1726  
shall prosecute all criminal cases brought before the court 1727  
arising in the unincorporated areas within the territory of the 1728  
municipal court. 1729

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1730  
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1731  
Ottawa county, ~~and~~ Portage county, and Putnam county prosecuting 1732  
attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court all violations of 1733  
state law arising in their respective counties. The Carroll 1734  
county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison county, and 1735  
Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and beginning January 1, 2008, 1736  
the Erie county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute all 1737  
violations of state law arising within the unincorporated areas of 1738  
their respective counties. The Columbiana county prosecuting 1739  
attorney shall prosecute in the Columbiana county municipal court 1740  
all violations of state law arising in the county, except for 1741  
violations arising in the municipal corporation of East Liverpool, 1742  
Liverpool township, or St. Clair township. The Darke county 1743

prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the Darke county municipal 1744  
court all violations of state law arising in the county, except 1745  
for violations of state law arising in the municipal corporation 1746  
of Greenville and violations of state law arising in the village 1747  
of Versailles. The Greene county board of county commissioners may 1748  
provide for the prosecution of all violations of state law arising 1749  
within the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located 1750  
in Greene county. 1751

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1752  
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1753  
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1754  
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, Portage, 1755  
and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the rate of four 1756  
thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the prosecuting 1757  
attorney of Auglaize county shall receive compensation at the rate 1758  
of one thousand eight hundred dollars per year, each payable from 1759  
the county treasury of the respective counties in semimonthly 1760  
installments. 1761

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1762  
chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, insofar as they 1763  
are applicable to the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1764  
similar chief legal officer, as are required of the prosecuting 1765  
attorney of the county. The village solicitor, city director of 1766  
law, similar chief legal officer or any assistants who may be 1767  
appointed shall receive for such services additional compensation 1768  
to be paid from the treasury of the county as the board of county 1769  
commissioners prescribes. 1770

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1771  
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1772  
Ottawa, ~~or~~ Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an agreement 1773  
with any municipal corporation in the county in which the 1774  
prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the prosecuting 1775

attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought before the 1776  
municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction over that 1777  
municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring within the 1778  
municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of Auglaize, 1779  
Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, Ottawa, ~~or~~ 1780  
Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an agreement with any 1781  
municipal corporation in the county in which the prosecuting 1782  
attorney serves pursuant to which the respective prosecuting 1783  
attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the Auglaize county, 1784  
Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, Holmes county, 1785  
Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, ~~or~~ Portage county, or 1786  
or Putnam county municipal court for violations of the ordinances 1787  
of the municipal corporation or for criminal offenses other than 1788  
violations of state law occurring within the municipal 1789  
corporation. For prosecuting these cases, the prosecuting attorney 1790  
and the municipal corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by 1791  
the municipal corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county 1792  
treasury, to be used to cover expenses of the office of the 1793  
prosecuting attorney. 1794

**Sec. 1907.11.** (A) Each county court district shall have the 1795  
following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1796

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge shall 1797  
be elected in 1982. 1798

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1799  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected 1800  
in 1982. 1801

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge shall 1802  
be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two 1803  
part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on 1804  
January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1805

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge shall 1806

be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and two 1807  
part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on 1808  
January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1809

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, one 1810  
part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1, 1811  
2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1812

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge shall 1813  
be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1814  
1982. 1815

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1816  
shall be elected in 1982. 1817

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1818  
shall be elected in 1982. 1819

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1820  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and 1821  
two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence 1822  
on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1823

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1824  
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, and 1825  
three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence 1826  
on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1995, 1827  
respectively. 1828

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge shall 1829  
be elected in 1982. 1830

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge shall 1831  
be elected in 1982. 1832

In the Montgomery county county court, three part-time judges 1833  
shall be elected in 1998, terms to commence on January 1, 1999, 1834  
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively, and two 1835  
part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on 1836

January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1837

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge shall 1838  
be elected in 1982. 1839

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1840  
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected 1841  
in 1982. 1842

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge shall 1843  
be elected in 1982. 1844

In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge 1845  
shall be elected in 1982. 1846

In the Perry county county court, one part-time judge shall 1847  
be elected in 1982. 1848

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall be 1849  
elected in 1982. 1850

~~In the Putnam county county court, one part time judge shall 1851  
be elected in 1980, and one part time judge shall be elected in 1852  
1982. 1853~~

In the Sandusky county county court, two part-time judges 1854  
shall be elected in 1994, terms to commence on January 1, 1995, 1855  
and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1856

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1857  
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be elected 1858  
in 1994. 1859

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1860  
shall be elected in 1982. 1861

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge shall 1862  
be elected in 1982. 1863

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge shall 1864  
be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be elected in 1865

1982. 1866

(B)(1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next regular 1867  
election for a county court judge as provided in section 1907.13 1868  
of the Revised Code. 1869

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1870  
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1871  
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1872  
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1873

Sec. 4510.73. (A) It is the intent of this section to allow 1874  
all issues concerning driver's licenses to be litigated in a 1875  
single forum, not to eliminate any forum venue in existence on the 1876  
effective date of this section. 1877

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the 1878  
contrary, any court whose jurisdiction has been invoked under this 1879  
chapter or any other chapter of the Revised Code regarding a 1880  
driver's license matter, other than a matter involving a 1881  
commercial driver's license, is hereby conferred concurrent 1882  
jurisdiction to adjudicate all issues and appeals regarding that 1883  
driver's license matter, including issues of validity, suspension, 1884  
and, with regard to any suspension imposed by the bureau of motor 1885  
vehicles, driving privileges. Nothing in this section shall be 1886  
construed as applying to any issue involving a commercial driver's 1887  
license, except that a court may adjudicate an issue that does not 1888  
relate to a commercial driver's license but involves a holder of a 1889  
commercial driver's license so long as the court does not alter 1890  
the status of that holder's commercial driver's license. In the 1891  
event that another court has obtained jurisdiction over one or 1892  
more driver's license suspensions imposed by the bureau involving 1893  
the same driver's license holder, that jurisdiction may not be 1894  
divested by an action filed under this section unless that court 1895  
transfers its jurisdiction over that holder's driver's license 1896

issue by issuance of a court order. 1897

(C)(1) The court's jurisdiction over a particular driver's 1898  
license issue may be invoked by a motion, appeal, or petition 1899  
filed by a holder of a driver's license. Any such motion, appeal, 1900  
or petition shall state the issue with respect to which the 1901  
court's jurisdiction is invoked. 1902

(2) When a court's jurisdiction over a driver's license issue 1903  
is properly invoked, that court shall adjudicate all issues and 1904  
appeals brought before the court regarding that issue, unless the 1905  
motion, appeal, or petition is withdrawn. 1906

(D) Any court whose jurisdiction is invoked under this 1907  
section shall have the discretionary authority to issue a stay of 1908  
any suspension pending resolution of the matters before the court. 1909  
This provision does not alter or eliminate any automatic stay 1910  
provision provided for elsewhere in the Revised Code. 1911

(E) Any court whose jurisdiction is invoked under this 1912  
section, in its discretion, may order the bureau to renew the 1913  
holder's driver's license pending resolution of the matters before 1914  
the court, provided that the license is not more than six months 1915  
expired prior to the date of application for renewal. The court, 1916  
in its discretion, also may order the bureau to renew the holder's 1917  
driver's license in its final judgment, provided that the license 1918  
is not more than six months expired prior to the date of 1919  
application for renewal. 1920

(F) If jurisdiction is invoked under this section in a court 1921  
of common pleas or county court, the prosecuting attorney of the 1922  
county in which the case is pending shall represent the registrar 1923  
in the proceedings; provided, that if the driver's license holder 1924  
resides in a municipal corporation that lies within the 1925  
jurisdiction of a county court, the city director of law, village 1926  
solicitor, or similar chief legal officer of the municipal 1927

corporation shall represent the registrar in the proceedings. In a 1928  
municipal court, the registrar shall be represented in the 1929  
resulting proceedings as provided in section 1901.34 of the 1930  
Revised Code. At the election of the registrar, the attorney 1931  
general may enter the proceedings at any time and henceforth 1932  
represent the registrar in the case. 1933

(G) Either party may appeal the final judgment of the court. 1934  
Any such appeal shall be taken as provided in section 1901.30 or 1935  
1907.30 of the Revised Code and shall conform with Chapter 2505. 1936  
of the Revised Code. 1937

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1938  
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.32, 1901.34, and 1907.11 1939  
of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1940

**Section 3.** (A) Effective January 1, 2011, the Putnam County 1941  
County Court is abolished. 1942

(B) All causes, executions, and other proceedings pending in 1943  
the Putnam County County Court at the close of business on 1944  
December 31, 2010, shall be transferred to and proceed in the 1945  
Putnam County Municipal Court on January 1, 2011, as if originally 1946  
instituted in the Putnam County Municipal Court. Parties to those 1947  
causes, judgments, executions, and proceedings may make any 1948  
amendments to their pleadings that are required to conform them to 1949  
the rules of the Putnam County Municipal Court. The Clerk of the 1950  
Putnam County County Court or other custodian shall transfer to 1951  
the Putnam County Municipal Court all pleadings, orders, entries, 1952  
dockets, bonds, papers, records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, 1953  
property, and persons that belong to, are in the possession of, or 1954  
are subject to the jurisdiction of the Putnam County County Court, 1955  
or any officer of that court, at the close of business on December 1956  
31, 2010, and that pertain to those causes, judgments, executions, 1957



and proceedings. 1958

(C) All employees of the Putnam County County Court shall be 1959  
transferred to and shall become employees of the Putnam County 1960  
Municipal Court on January 1, 2011. 1961

(D) Effective January 1, 2011, the part-time judgeship in the 1962  
Putnam County County Court is abolished. 1963

**Section 4.** Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1964  
1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.32, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the 1965  
Revised Code, as amended by this act, shall take effect January 1, 1966  
2011. 1967

**Section 5.** Section 1901.31 of the Revised Code is presented 1968  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. 1969  
Sub. H.B. 420 of the 127th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 1 of 1970  
the 128th General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 1971  
principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 1972  
Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 1973  
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the resulting 1974  
version of the section in effect prior to the effective date of 1975  
the section as presented in this act. 1976