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A BILL

To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of
the Revised Code to create a domestic relations
division of the Delaware County Court of Common
Pleas and to create a judgeship for that
division.

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

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

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick,
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding
judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(EE)~~
(FF) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge

of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 18
act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 19
juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 20
available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 21
court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 22
juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 23
act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 24
that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 25
compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 26
for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 27

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 28
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 29
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 30
shall be as follows: 31

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 32
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 33

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 34
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 35
term to begin February 9, 1955; 36

In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 37
to begin January 9, 1957; 38

In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 39
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 40
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 41
begin January 1, 1957; 42

In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 43
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 44
term to begin January 1, 2007; 45

In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 46

term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004,	47
term to begin January 2, 2005;	48
In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble,	49
Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be	50
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	51
In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in	52
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	53
2008, term to begin February 10, 2009;	54
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected	55
in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	56
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	57
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term	58
to begin January 1, 2005;	59
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term	60
to begin May 9, 1957;	61
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	62
begin May 14, 1953;	63
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	64
begin July 6, 1956;	65
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	66
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	67
term to begin January 1, 1979.	68
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in	69
1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected	70
in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be	71
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	72
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in	73

1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960,	74
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978,	75
term to begin January 2, 1979;	76
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	77
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990,	78
term to begin July 1, 1991;	79
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	80
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,	81
term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004,	82
term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in	83
2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	84
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in	85
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected	86
in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be	87
elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	88
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	89
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	90
1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	91
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	92
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	93
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	94
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	95
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	96
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	97
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	98
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	99
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	100
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	101
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	102

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 103
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 104
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 105
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 106

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 107
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 108
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 109
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 110

In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 111
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, 112
term to begin on January 1, 1971; 113

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 114
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, 115
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, 116
term to begin January 2, 2003; 117

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 118
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 119
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 120
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 121

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 122
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 123
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 124

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, 125
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 126
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 127
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 128

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 129
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 130
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 131

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 132
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 133
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 134
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be 135
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 136

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 137
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 138
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 139

In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 140
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 141
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected 142
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991; 143

In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be 144
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 145
1955, respectively; 146

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 147
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 148
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 149
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 150
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 151

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 152
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 153
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 154
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 155
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected 156
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 157

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 158
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 159
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 160

In Delaware county, ~~two~~three judges, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017;

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

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

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007;

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3,

1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 191
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 192
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 193
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 194
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 195

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 196 196
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 197
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 198
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be 199
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 200

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 201
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 202
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 203

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 204
term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 205
term to begin January 2, 1969; 206

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 207
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 208
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 209
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 210
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 211
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 212
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 213

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 214
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 215
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 216
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 217
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 218
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 219

1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 220
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 221
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 222
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 223
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 224
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 225
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 226
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 227
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 228
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 229
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 230
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 231
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 232

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected 233
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 234
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 235
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 236
to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 237
elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 238
1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 239
days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 240
elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 241
elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 242
elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 243
respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 244
2, 1997; and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 245
2005; 246

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 247
in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 248
from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 249
to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 250

January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 251
January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 252
January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 253
January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 254
election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 255
elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 256
elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 257
1997, respectively; 258

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 259
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 260
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 261
1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 262
in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 263
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 264
3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 265
1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 266
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 267
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 268
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 269
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 270
begin January 2, 1993; 271

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 272
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 273
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 274
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 275
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 276
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 277
July 1, 1991; 278

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 279
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 280

January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 281
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 282
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 283
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 284
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 285
successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 286
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 287
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 288
begin January 1, 1993; 289

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 290
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 291
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 292
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 293
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 294
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 295
1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 296
respectively; 297

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 298
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 299
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 300
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 301
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 302
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 303
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 304
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 305
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 306
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 307

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 308
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 309
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 310

elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 311
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 312
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 313
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 314
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 315
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 316
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 317
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 318
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 319
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 320
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 321
be reduced. 322

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 323
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 324
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 325
Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 326
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 327
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 328
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 329
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 330
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 331
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 332
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 333
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 334
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 335
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 336
probate division. 337

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 338
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 339
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 340
2, 1997, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 341

exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 342
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 343
Franklin county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 344
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 345
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 346
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 347
parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code 348
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 349
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 350
shall be assigned to them. In addition to the judge's regular 351
duties, the judge who is senior in point of service shall serve 352
on the children services board and the county advisory board and 353
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 354
and its subdivisions and departments. 355

(B) In Hamilton county: 356

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 357
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 358
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 359
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 360
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 361
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 362

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 363
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 364
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 365
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 366
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 367
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 368
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 369
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 370
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 371

the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 372
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 373
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 374
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 375
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 376
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 377
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 378
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 379
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 380
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 381
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 382
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 383
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 384
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 385
year. 386

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 387
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 388
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 389
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 390
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 391
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 392
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 393
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 394
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 395

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 396
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 397
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 398
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 399
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 400
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 401
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 402

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 403
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 404
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 405
are parties to an action pending in the division. 406

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 407
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 408
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 409
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 410
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 411
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 412
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 413
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 414
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 415
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 416
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 417
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 418
division of domestic relations. 419

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 420
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 421
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 422
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 423
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 424
relations. 425

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 426
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 427
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 428
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 429
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 430
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 431
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 432

an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 433
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 434
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 435

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 436
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 437
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 438
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 439
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 440
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 441
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 442
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 443
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 444
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 445
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 446

A judge of the general division of the court of common 447
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 448
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 449
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 450
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 451
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 452
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 453
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 454
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 455
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 456
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 457
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 458
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 459

A judge of the general division of the court of common 460
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 461
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 462

division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 463
both of the following apply: 464

(a) One of the following applies: 465

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 466
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 467
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 468
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 469
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 470

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 471
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 472
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 473
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 474
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 475
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 476
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 477
treatment. 478

(b) All of the following apply: 479

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 480
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 481
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 482
to be imposed. 483

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 484

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness. 485

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is 486
drug or alcohol driven. 487

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to 488
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process. 489

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	490
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	491 492
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503
(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	504 505 506 507
(C) (1) In Lorain county:	508
(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and	509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516 517 518

January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 519
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 520
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 521
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 522
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 523
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 524
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 525
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 526
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 527
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 528
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 529
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 530
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 531
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 532
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 533
other judge of the court of common pleas. 534

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 535
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 536
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 537
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 538
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 539
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 540
Code. 541

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 542
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 543
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 544
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 545
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 546
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 547
probate judge. 548

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 549
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 550
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 551
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 552
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 553
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 554
relations. 555

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 556
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 557
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 558
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 559
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 560
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 561
relations. 562

(D) In Lucas county: 563

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 564
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 565
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 566
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 567
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 568
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 569
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 570
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 571
assigned to them. 572

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 573
point of service, shall be considered as the presiding judge of 574
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 575
shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of 576
the work of the division and the employment and supervision of 577
all other personnel of the domestic relations division. 578

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

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

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas,
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that

judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 610
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 611

(E) In Mahoning county: 612

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 613
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 614
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 615
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 616
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 617
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 618
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 619
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 620
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 621
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 622
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 623
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 624
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 625
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 626
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 627
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 628
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 629

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 630
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 631
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 632
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 633
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 634
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 635
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 636
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 637
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 638
action pending in the division. 639

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 640
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 641
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 642
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 643
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 644
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 645
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 646
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 647
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 648
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 649
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 650
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 651
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 652
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 653
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 654
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 655

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 656
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 657
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 658
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 659
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 660
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 661
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 662
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 663
action pending in the division. 664

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 665
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 666
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 667
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 668
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 669
of common pleas. 670

(F) In Montgomery county: 671

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 672
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 673
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 674
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 675
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 676
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 677
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 678
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 679
and annulment cases. 680

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 681
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 682
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 683
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 684
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 685
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 686
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 687
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 688
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 689
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 690
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 691
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 692
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 693
fix their duties. 694

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 695
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 696
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 697
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 698
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 699
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 700

juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 701
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 702
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 703

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 704
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 705
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 706
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 707
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 708
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 709
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 710
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 711
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 712
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 713
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 714
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 715
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 716
conciliation services that are available upon request to 717
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 718
the division. 719

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 720
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 721
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 722
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 723
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 724
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 725
of those divisions. 726

(G) In Richland county: 727

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 728
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 729
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 730

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 731
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 732
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 733
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 734
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 735
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 736
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 737
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 738
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 739
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 740
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 741
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 742
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 743
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 744
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 745
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 746
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 747
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 748
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 749
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 750
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 751
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 752
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 753
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 754
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 755
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 756
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 757
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 758
of those matters. 759

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 760
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 761

be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 762
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 763
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 764
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 765
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 766
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 767
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 768
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 769
shall fix their duties. 770

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 771
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 772
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 773
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 774
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 775
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 776
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 777
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 778
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 779
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 780
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 781
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 782
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 783
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 784
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 785
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 786
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 787
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 788
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 789
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 790

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 791
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 792

division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 793
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 794
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 795
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 796
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 797
discharge of the judge's various duties. 798

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 799
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 800
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 801
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 802
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 803
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 804
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 805
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 806
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 807

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 808
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 809
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 810
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 811
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 812
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 813
as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 814
relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 815
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 816
Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile 817
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of 818
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases 819
that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 820
pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 821

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second 822

most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 823
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 824
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 825
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 826
and necessary referees required for the judge's respective 827
court. 828

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 829
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 830
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 831
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 832
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 833
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 834
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 835
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 836
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 837
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 838
juvenile judge to serve. 839

(I) In Summit county: 840

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 841
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 842
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 843
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 844
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 845
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 846
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 847
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 848
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 849
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 850
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 851
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 852

shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 853
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 854
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 855
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 856
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 857
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 858
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 859
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 860

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 861
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 862
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 863
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 864
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 865
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 866
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 867
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 868
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 869
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 870
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 871
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 872
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 873
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 874
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 875
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 876
action pending in the division. 877

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 878
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 879
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 880
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 881
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 882
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 883

shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 884
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 885
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 886
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 887
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 888
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 889
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 890
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 891
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 892
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 893
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 894
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 895
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 896

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 897
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 898
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 899
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 900
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 901
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 902
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 903
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 904
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 905
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 906
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 907
conciliation services that are available upon request to 908
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 909
the division. 910

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 911
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 912
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 913
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 914

as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 915
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 916
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 917
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 918
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 919
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 920
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 921
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 922
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 923
court of common pleas. 924

(K) In Butler county: 925

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 926
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 927
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 928
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 929
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 930
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 931
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 932
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 933
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 934
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 935
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 936
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 937
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 938
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 939
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 940
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 941
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 942
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 943
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 944
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 945

marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 946
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 947
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 948
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 949
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 950
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 951
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 952
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 953
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 954
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 955
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 956
division. 957

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 958
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 959
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 960
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 961
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 962
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 963
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 964
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 965
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 966
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 967

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 968
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 969
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 970
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 971
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 972
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 973
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 974
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 975
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 976

that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 977
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 978
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 979
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 980
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 981
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 982
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 983
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 984
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 985
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 986
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 987
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 988
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 989
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 990
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 991
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 992
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 993
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 994
various duties. 995

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 996
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 997
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 998
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 999
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1000
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1001
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1002
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1003
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1004

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1005
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1006
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1007

cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1008
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1009
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1010

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1011
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1012
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1013
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1014
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1015
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1016
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1017
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1018
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1019
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1020
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1021
some special reason. 1022

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1023
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1024
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1025

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1026
supervision; 1027

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1028
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1029

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1030
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1031
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1032
legal separation and annulment matters. 1033

(M) In Lake county: 1034

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1035
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1036

qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1037
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1038
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1039
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1040
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1041
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1042
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1043
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1044
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1045
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1046
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1047
division. 1048

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1049
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1050
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1051
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1052
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1053
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1054
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1055
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1056
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1057
division, who request the services. 1058

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1059
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1060
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1061
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1062
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1063
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1064
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1065
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1066
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1067

division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1068
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1069
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1070
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1071
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1072
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1073
the judge's various duties. 1074

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1075
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1076
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1077
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1078
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1079
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1080
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1081
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1082
request the services. 1083

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1084
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1085
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1086
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1087
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1088
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1089

(N) In Erie county: 1090

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1091
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1092
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1093
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1094
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1095
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1096
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1097

relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1098
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1099
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1100
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1101
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1102
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1103
other judge. 1104

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1105
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1106
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1107
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1108
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1109
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1110
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1111

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1112
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1113
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1114
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1115
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1116
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1117
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1118
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1119
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1120
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1121
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1122
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1123

(0) In Greene county: 1124

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1125
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1126
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1127

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1128
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1129
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1130
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1131
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1132
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1133
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1134
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1135
court of common pleas. 1136

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1137
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1138
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1139
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1140
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1141
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1142
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1143
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1144
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1145
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1146
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1147
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1148
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1149
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1150
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1151
general division of the court of common pleas. 1152

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1153
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1154
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1155
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1156
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1157
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1158

division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1159
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1160
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1161
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1162
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1163
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1164
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1165
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1166
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1167
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1168
the judge's various duties. 1169

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1170
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1171
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1172
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1173
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1174
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1175
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1176
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1177
request the services. 1178

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1179
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1180
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1181
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1182
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1183
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1184
division. 1185

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1186
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1187
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1188

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1189
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1190
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1191
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1192
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1193
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1194
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1195
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1196
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1197
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1198
domestic relations division. 1199

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1200
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1201
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1202
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1203
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1204
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1205
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1206
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1207
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1208
division, who request the services. 1209

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1210
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1211
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1212
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1213
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1214
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1215
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1216
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1217
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1218
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1219

court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1220
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1221
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1222
domestic relations division. 1223

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1224
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1225
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1226
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1227
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1228
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1229
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1230
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1231
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1232
division, who request the services. 1233

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1234
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1235
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1236
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1237
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1238
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1239
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1240
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1241
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1242
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1243
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1244
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1245
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1246
domestic relations division. 1247

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1248
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1249

the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1250
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1251
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1252
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1253
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1254
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1255
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1256
division, who request the services. 1257

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1258
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1259
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1260
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1261
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1262
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1263
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1264
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1265
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1266
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1267
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1268
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1269
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1270
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1271
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1272
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1273
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1274
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1275
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1276
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1277

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1278
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1279
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1280

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1281
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1282
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1283
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1284
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1285
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1286
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1287
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1288
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1289
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1290
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1291
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1292
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1293

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1294
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1295
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1296
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1297
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1298
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1299
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1300
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1301
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1302
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1303
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1304
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1305
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1306
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1307
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1308
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1309
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1310
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1311

supervision of the personnel of the division. 1312

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1313
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1314
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1315
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1316
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1317
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1318
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1319
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1320
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1321
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1322
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1323
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1324
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1325
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1326
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1327

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1328
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1329
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1330
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1331
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1332
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1333
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1334
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1335
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1336
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1337
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1338
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1339
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1340
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1341
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1342

reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1343
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1344
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1345
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1346

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1347
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1348
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1349
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1350
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1351
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1352
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1353
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1354
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1355
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1356
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1357
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1358
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1359
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1360
pending in the division, who request the services. 1361

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1362
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1363
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1364
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1365
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1366
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1367
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1368
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1369
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1370
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1371
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1372
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1373

residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1374
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1375
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1376
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1377
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1378
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1379
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1380
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1381
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1382
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1383
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1384
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1385
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1386
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1387
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1388
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1389
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1390
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1391
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1392
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1393
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1394
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1395

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1396
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1397
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1398
personnel of the division. 1399

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1400
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1401
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1402
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1403
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1404

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1405
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1406
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1407
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1408
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1409
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1410
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1411
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1412
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1413
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1414
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1415
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1416
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1417
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1418
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1419
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1420
support for that child when the request for that order is not 1421
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1422
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1423
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1424
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1425
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1426
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1427
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1428
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1429
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1430
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 1431

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1432
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 1433
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1434
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1435

of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 1436
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1437
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 1438
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1439
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1440
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1441
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1442
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1443
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1444
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1445
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1446
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1447
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1448
and the judges of the general division. 1449

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1450
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1451
children services board and the county advisory board. 1452

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1453
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1454
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1455
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1456
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1457
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1458
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1459
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1460
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1461
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1462
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1463
domestic relations of that court. 1464

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1465

pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1466
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1467
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1468
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1469
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1470
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1471
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1472
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1473
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1474
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1475
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1476
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1477
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1478
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1479
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1480
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1481
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1482
the personnel of the division. 1483

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1484
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1485
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1486
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1487
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1488
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1489
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1490
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1491
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1492
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1493
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1494
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1495
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1496

persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1497
pending in the division, who request the services. 1498

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1499
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1500
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1501
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1502
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1503
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1504
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1505
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1506
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1507
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1508
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1509
duties. 1510

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1511
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1512
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1513
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1514
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1515
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1516
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1517
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1518
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1519
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1520
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1521
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1522
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1523
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1524
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1525
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1526
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1527

from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1528
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1529
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1530
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1531
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1532
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1533
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1534
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1535
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1536
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1537
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1538
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1539
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1540
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1541
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1542
(Z) (1) of this section. 1543

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1544
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1545
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1546
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1547
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1548
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1549
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1550
pleas of Marion county. 1551

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1552
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1553
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1554
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1555
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1556
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1557
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1558

juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1559
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1560
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1561
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1562
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1563
common pleas of Marion county. 1564

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1565
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1566
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1567
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1568
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1569
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1570
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1571
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1572
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1573
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1574
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1575
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1576
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1577
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1578
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1579
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1580
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1581
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1582
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1583

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1584
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1585
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1586
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1587
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1588
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1589

dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1590
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1591
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1592
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1593
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1594
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1595
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1596
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1597
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1598

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1599
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1600
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1601
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1602
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1603
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1604
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1605
of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1606
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1607
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1608
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1609
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1610
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1611
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1612
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1613
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1614
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1615
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1616
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1617
the court of common pleas. 1618

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1619
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1620

that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1621
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1622
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1623
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1624
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1625
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1626
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1627
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1628
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1629
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1630
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1631
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1632
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1633
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1634
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1635
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1636
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1637
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1638
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1639
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1640
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1641
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1642
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1643
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1644
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1645
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1646
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1647
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1648
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1649
(CC) (1) of this section. 1650

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1651

division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1652
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who 1653
is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division 1654
of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 1655
of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the 1656
probate division and juvenile division of the court of common 1657
pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas 1658
who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code 1659
shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and 1660
files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1661

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1662
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1663
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1664
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1665
probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1666
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1667
probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations- 1668
juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all 1669
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1670
construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to 1671
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this 1672
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1673
common pleas of Logan county. 1674

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1675
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1676
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1677
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1678
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1679
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1680
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1681
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1682

relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1683
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1684
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1685
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1686
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1687
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1688
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1689
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1690
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1691
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1692
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1693
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1694
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1695
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1696
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1697
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1698
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1699
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1700
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1701
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1702
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1703
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1704
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1705
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1706
section. 1707

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1708
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1709
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1710
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1711
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1712
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1713

probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1714
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1715
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1716
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1717
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1718
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1719
probate division. 1720

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1721
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1722
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1723
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1724
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1725
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1726
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1727
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1728
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1729
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1730
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1731
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1732
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1733
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1734
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1735
of common pleas. 1736

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1737
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1738
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1739
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1740
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1741
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1742
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1743
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1744

or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1745

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 1746
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1747