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A BILL

To amend sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 2301.02, 1
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to create a 2
domestic relations division of the Delaware 3
County Court of Common Pleas, to create a 4
judgeship for that division, to require payments 5
to retired assigned judges under certain 6
specified circumstances, and to declare an 7
emergency. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 2301.02, 9
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 10

Sec. 141.13. (A) No fees in addition to the salaries and 11
compensation provided in sections 141.01 to 141.12 of the 12
Revised Code shall be allowed to any such officer. No additional 13
remuneration shall be given any such officer under any other 14
title than that by which the officer was elected or duly 15
appointed. Subject to ~~division~~divisions (B) and (C) of this 16
section, the salaries provided in such sections shall be in full 17

compensation for any services rendered by such officers and 18
employees, payment of which is made from the state treasury. 19

(B) Division (A) of this section does not affect any right 20
of a full-time municipal court judge, or a part-time judge of a 21
municipal court of a territory having a population of more than 22
fifty thousand, to compensation under divisions (B) (1) (a) and 23
(2) of section 1901.11 of the Revised Code; to health, medical, 24
hospital, dental, or surgical benefits coverage or other fringe 25
benefits provided pursuant to Chapter 1901. of the Revised Code; 26
or to compensation, fringe benefits, or expenses otherwise 27
provided pursuant to that or any other chapter of the Revised 28
Code. Division (A) of this section also does not affect any 29
right of an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge as described 30
in sections 1901.122 and 1901.123 of the Revised Code to 31
compensation to which an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge 32
is entitled under Chapter 1901. or section 141.16 of the Revised 33
Code, or to any health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical 34
benefits coverage, other fringe benefits or compensation, or 35
expenses to which an acting judge, judge, or assigned judge may 36
be entitled under that or any other chapter of the Revised Code. 37

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section or any 38
other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, any retired 39
assigned judge, as defined in section 141.16 of the Revised 40
Code, is eligible for benefits granted under division (C) of 41
section 141.16 of the Revised Code. 42

Sec. 141.16. (A) Any voluntarily retired judge, or any 43
judge who is retired under Section 6 of Article IV, Ohio 44
Constitution, may be assigned with ~~his~~ the judge's consent, by 45
the chief justice or acting chief justice of the supreme court, 46
to active duty as a judge. While so serving, ~~he~~ the judge shall 47

be paid, from money appropriated for this purpose, the 48
established compensation for such office, computed on a per diem 49
basis, in addition to any retirement benefits to which ~~he~~ the 50
judge may be entitled. 51

(B) Annually, on the first day of August, the 52
administrative director of the Ohio courts shall issue a billing 53
to the county treasurer of any county to which such a judge is 54
assigned for reimbursement of the county's portion of the 55
compensation previously paid by the state for the twelve-month 56
period preceding the last day of June. The county's portion of 57
the compensation shall be that part of each per diem paid by the 58
state which is proportional to the county's share of the total 59
compensation of a resident judge of such court. The county 60
treasurer shall forward the payment within thirty days. 61

(C) (1) A retired assigned judge is eligible to receive a 62
retired assigned judge payment if the retired assigned judge 63
completes not less than one hundred hours of service in the 64
preceding quarter as assigned by the chief justice or acting 65
chief justice. The payment shall be seven hundred fifty dollars 66
per quarter and shall be paid from money appropriated for this 67
purpose. The payment is subject to any and all applicable taxes 68
under local, state, and federal law. 69

(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section, 70
the payment shall be paid within thirty days after the end of 71
the quarter in which the one hundred hours is served. 72

(3) In the case of a county-operated municipal court, 73
other municipal court, or county court to which a judge was 74
assigned, payment shall be made within thirty days after receipt 75
of the quarterly request for reimbursement as required in 76
division (B) of section 1901.123 of the Revised Code. 77

(D) Division (C) of this section does not affect any right 78
of a retired assigned judge to receive any allowance, annuity, 79
pension, or other benefit vested pursuant to Chapter 145. of the 80
Revised Code or other eligible retirement system pursuant to 81
Ohio law. 82

(E) As used in this section: 83

(1) "Retired assigned judge" is a judge that is described 84
in division (A) of this section. 85

(2) "Quarter" is the preceding three-month period ending 86
on the last day of the month of March, June, September, or 87
December of each year. 88

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record 89
within the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and 90
shall exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 91
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 92

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 93
is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 94
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 95
request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 96
judge o(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this 97
section, the payment shall be paid within thirty days after the 98
end of the quarter in which the one hundred hours is served. 99

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in division (A) of this section. 112

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on the last day of the month of March, June, September, or 114
December of each year. f the court of common pleas pursuant to 115
division ~~(EE)~~(FF) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall 116
assign a judge of any division of the court of common pleas of 117
the county to act in the juvenile judge's place or in 118
conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of 119
common pleas is available for that purpose, the chief justice of 120
the supreme court shall assign a judge of the court of common 121
pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different 122
county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in 123
conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 124
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 125
provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 126
common pleas. 127

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 128
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 129
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 130
shall be as follows: 131

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 132
judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 133

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 134
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 135

term to begin February 9, 1955;	136
In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 9, 1957;	137 138
In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957;	139 140 141 142
In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 1, 2007;	143 144 145
In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	146 147 148
In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	149 150 151
In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 2008, term to begin February 10, 2009;	152 153 154
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	155 156
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 1, 2005;	157 158 159
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin May 9, 1957;	160 161
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	162

begin May 14, 1953;	163
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	164
In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979.	166
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	169
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979;	173
In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991;	177
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009;	180
In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	185
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	189

1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	191
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	192
term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in	193
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in	194
1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be	195
elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	196
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	197
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	198
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	199
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	200
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	201
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	202
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	203
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	204
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	205
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	206
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	207
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	208
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	209
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	210
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	211
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970,	212
term to begin on January 1, 1971;	213
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in	214
1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978,	215
term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002,	216
term to begin January 2, 2003;	217
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in	218

1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	219
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	220
in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	221
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	222
term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in	223
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	224
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	225
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in	226
1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected	227
in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	228
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	229
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in	230
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	231
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	232
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in	233
1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in	234
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be	235
elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	236
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in	237
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in	238
1986, term to begin January 1, 1987;	239
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	240
term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in	241
1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected	242
in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991;	243
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be	244
elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9,	245
1955, respectively;	246

In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 247
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 248
term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 249
term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 250
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 251

In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 252
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 253
1964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 254
1982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 255
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected 256
in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 257

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 258
1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 259
elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 260

In Delaware county, ~~two~~ three judges, one to be elected in 261
1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 262
in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 263
elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 264

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 265
term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 266
term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 267
term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 268
elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 269
1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 270
begin January 6, 2001; 271

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 272
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 273
to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 274
begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 275

begin January 1, 2005;	276
In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952,	277
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953,	278
respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January	279
3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1,	280
1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989,	281
and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998,	282
terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999,	283
respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin	284
January 6, 2007;	285
In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in	286
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954,	287
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	288
respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January	289
2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3,	290
1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989,	291
and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992,	292
term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms	293
to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and	294
one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;	295
In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in	296
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in	297
1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in	298
1968, term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be	299
elected in 2004, term to begin January 3, 2005;	300
In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in	301
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be	302
elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961;	303
In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	304

term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 305
term to begin January 2, 1969; 306

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 307
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 308
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 309
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 310
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 311
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 312
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 313

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 314
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 315
from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 316
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 317
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 318
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 319
1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 320
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 321
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 322
January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 323
to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 324
to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 325
January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 326
January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 327
elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 328
January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 329
terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 330
respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 331
January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 332

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected 333
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 334

respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005;

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

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4,

1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 366
and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 367
term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 368
to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 369
begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 370
begin January 2, 1993; 371

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 372
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 373
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term 374
to begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to 375
begin January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 376
January 2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 377
July 1, 1991; 378

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 379
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 380
January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 381
to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 382
July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 383
begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 384
January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 385
successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 386
two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 387
2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 388
begin January 1, 1993; 389

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 390
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 391
terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 392
respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 393
1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 394
1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 395

1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 396
respectively; 397

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 398
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 399
3, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected 400
in 1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and 401
May 17, 1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 402
begin January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 403
January 5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 404
1991; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; 405
and two to be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, 406
and January 6, 2009, respectively. 407

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 408
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 409
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 410
elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 411
judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 412
the second general election preceding the expiration of that 413
judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 414
abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 415
office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 416
The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 417
six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 418
judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 419
general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 420
that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not 421
be reduced. 422

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 423
pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 424
elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 425

Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 426
Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 427
elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 428
the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 429
judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 430
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 431
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 432
probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 433
2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 434
court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 435
shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 436
probate division. 437

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 438
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 439
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 440
2, 1997, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 441
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 442
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of 443
Franklin county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 444
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They 445
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all 446
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all 447
parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code 448
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 449
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 450
shall be assigned to them. In addition to the judge's regular 451
duties, the judge who is senior in point of service shall serve 452
on the children services board and the county advisory board and 453
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 454
and its subdivisions and departments. 455

(B) In Hamilton county: 456

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991,
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage,
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court.
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an
administrative judge for the division before the first day of
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as
administrative judge of that division. The term of the
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following
year.

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the

administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 488
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 489
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 490
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 491
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 492
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 493
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 494
the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 495

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 496
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 497
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 498
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 499
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 500
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 501
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 502
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 503
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 504
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 505
are parties to an action pending in the division. 506

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 507
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 508
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 509
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 510
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 511
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 512
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 513
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 514
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 515
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 516
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 517
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 518

division of domestic relations. 519

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 520
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 521
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 522
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 523
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 524
relations. 525

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 526
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 527
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 528
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 529
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 530
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 531
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 532
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 533
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 534
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 535

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 536
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 537
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 538
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 539
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 540
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 541
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 542
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 543
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 544
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 545
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 546

A judge of the general division of the court of common 547
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 548

municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 549
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 550
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 551
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 552
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 553
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 554
described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 555
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 556
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 557
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 558
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 559

A judge of the general division of the court of common 560
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 561
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 562
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 563
both of the following apply: 564

(a) One of the following applies: 565

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 566
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 567
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 568
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 569
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 570

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 571
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 572
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 573
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 574
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 575
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 576
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 577
treatment. 578

(b) All of the following apply:	579
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be imposed.	580 581 582 583
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	584
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	585
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	586 587
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	588 589
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	590
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	591 592
(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.	593 594 595 596 597 598 599 600 601 602 603
(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	604 605 606

Revised Code. 607

(C) (1) In Lorain county: 608

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 609
begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 610
and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 611
term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 612
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 613
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 614
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 615
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 616
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 617
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 618
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 619
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 620
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 621
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 622
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 623
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 624
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 625
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 626
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 627
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 628
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 629
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 630
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 631
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 632
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 633
other judge of the court of common pleas. 634

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 635
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 636

relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 637
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 638
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 639
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 640
Code. 641

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 642
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 643
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 644
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 645
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 646
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 647
probate judge. 648

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 649
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 650
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 651
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 652
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 653
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 654
relations. 655

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 656
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 657
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 658
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 659
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 660
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 661
relations. 662

(D) In Lucas county: 663

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 664
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 665

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 and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them.

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

(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, 696
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 697
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 698
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 699
duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 700
personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 701
handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 702
counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 703
to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 704
parties to an action pending in the division. 705

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 706
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 707
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 708
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 709
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 710
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 711

(E) In Mahoning county: 712

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 713
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 714
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 715
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 716
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 717
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 718
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 719
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 720
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 721
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 722
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 723
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 724
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 725

the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 726
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 727
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 728
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 729

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 730
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 731
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 732
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 733
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 734
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 735
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 736
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 737
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 738
action pending in the division. 739

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 740
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 741
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 742
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 743
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 744
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 745
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 746
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 747
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 748
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 749
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 750
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 751
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 752
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 753
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 754
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 755

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 756
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 757
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 758
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 759
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 760
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 761
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 762
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 763
action pending in the division. 764

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 765
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 766
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of 767
cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that 768
judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court 769
of common pleas. 770

(F) In Montgomery county: 771

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 772
begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 773
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 774
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 775
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 776
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 777
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 778
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 779
and annulment cases. 780

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 781
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 782
assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 783
have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 784
of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 785

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 786
annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 787
employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 788
service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 789
the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 790
relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 791
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 792
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 793
fix their duties. 794

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 795
begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 796
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 797
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 798
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 799
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 800
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 801
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 802
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 803

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 804
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 805
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 806
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 807
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 808
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 809
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 810
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 811
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 812
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 813
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 814
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 815
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 816

conciliation services that are available upon request to 817
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 818
the division. 819

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 820
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 821
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 822
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 823
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 824
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 825
of those divisions. 826

(G) In Richland county: 827

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 828
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 829
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 830
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 831
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 832
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 833
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 834
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 835
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 836
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 837
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 838
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 839
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 840
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 841
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 842
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 843
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 844
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 845
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 846

of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 847
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 848
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 849
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 850
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 851
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 852
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 853
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 854
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 855
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 856
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 857
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 858
of those matters. 859

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 860
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 861
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 862
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 863
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 864
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 865
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 866
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 867
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 868
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 869
shall fix their duties. 870

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 871
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 872
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 873
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 874
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 875
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 876
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 877

judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 878
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 879
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 880
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 881
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 882
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 883
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 884
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 885
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 886
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 887
have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 888
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 889
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 890

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 891
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 892
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 893
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 894
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 895
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 896
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 897
discharge of the judge's various duties. 898

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 899
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 900
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 901
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 902
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 903
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 904
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 905
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 906
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 907

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 908
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 909
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 910
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 911
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 912
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 913
as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 914
relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 915
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 916
Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile 917
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of 918
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, except cases 919
that are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 920
pleas for some special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 921

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second 922
most senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 923
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 924
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 925
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 926
and necessary referees required for the judge's respective 927
court. 928

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 929
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 930
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 931
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 932
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 933
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 934
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 935
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 936
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 937
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 938

juvenile judge to serve. 939

(I) In Summit county: 940

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 941
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 942
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 943
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 944
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 945
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 946
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 947
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 948
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 949
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 950
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 951
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 952
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 953
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 954
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 955
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 956
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 957
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 958
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 959
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 960

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 961
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 962
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 963
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 964
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 965
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 966
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 967
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 968

the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 969
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 970
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 971
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 972
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 973
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 974
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 975
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 976
action pending in the division. 977

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 978
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 979
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 980
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 981
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 982
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 983
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 984
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 985
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 986
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 987
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 988
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 989
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 990
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 991
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 992
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 993
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 994
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 995
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 996

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 997
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 998
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 999

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

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas.

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges

of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1030
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1031
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1032
domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1033
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1034
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1035
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1036
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1037
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1038
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1039
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1040
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1041
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1042
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1043
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1044
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1045
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1046
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1047
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1048
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1049
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1050
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1051
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1052
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1053
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1054
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1055
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1056
division. 1057

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1058
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1059
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1060

shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1061
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1062
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1063
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1064
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1065
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1066
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1067

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1068
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1069
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1070
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1071
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1072
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1073
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1074
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1075
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1076
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1077
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1078
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1079
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1080
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1081
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1082
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1083
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1084
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1085
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1086
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1087
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1088
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1089
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1090
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1091

juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1092
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1093
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1094
various duties. 1095

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1096
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1097
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1098
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1099
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1100
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1101
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1102
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1103
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1104

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1105
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1106
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1107
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1108
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1109
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1110

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1111
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1112
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1113
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1114
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1115
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1116
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1117
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1118
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1119
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1120
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1121

some special reason. 1122

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1123
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1124
and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1125

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1126
supervision; 1127

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1128
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1129

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1130
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1131
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1132
legal separation and annulment matters. 1133

(M) In Lake county: 1134

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1135
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1136
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1137
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1138
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1139
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1140
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1141
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1142
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1143
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1144
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1145
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1146
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1147
division. 1148

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1149
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1150

the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1151
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1152
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1153
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1154
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1155
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1156
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1157
division, who request the services. 1158

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1159
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1160
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1161
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1162
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1163
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1164
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1165
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1166
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1167
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1168
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1169
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1170
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1171
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1172
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1173
the judge's various duties. 1174

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1175
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1176
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1177
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1178
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1179
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1180
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1181

persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1182
request the services. 1183

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1184
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1185
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1186
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1187
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1188
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1189

(N) In Erie county: 1190

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1191
begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1192
whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1193
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1194
receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1195
common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1196
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1197
relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1198
juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1199
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1200
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1201
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1202
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1203
other judge. 1204

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1205
common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1206
the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1207
on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1208
common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1209
as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1210
the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1211

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1212
division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1213
the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1214
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1215
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1216
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1217
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1218
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1219
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1220
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1221
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1222
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1223

(0) In Greene county: 1224

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1225
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1226
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1227
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1228
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1229
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1230
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1231
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1232
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1233
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1234
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1235
court of common pleas. 1236

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1237
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1238
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1239
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1240
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1241

shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1242
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1243
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1244
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1245
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1246
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1247
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1248
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1249
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1250
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1251
general division of the court of common pleas. 1252

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1253
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1254
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1255
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1256
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1257
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1258
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1259
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1260
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1261
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1262
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1263
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1264
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1265
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1266
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1267
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1268
the judge's various duties. 1269

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1270
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1271
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1272

duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1273
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1274
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1275
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1276
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1277
request the services. 1278

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1279
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1280
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1281
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1282
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1283
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1284
division. 1285

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1286
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1287
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1288
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1289
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1290
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1291
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1292
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1293
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1294
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1295
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1296
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1297
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1298
domestic relations division. 1299

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1300
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1301
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1302

duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1303
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1304
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1305
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1306
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1307
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1308
division, who request the services. 1309

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1310
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1311
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1312
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1313
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1314
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1315
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1316
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1317
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1318
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1319
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1320
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1321
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1322
domestic relations division. 1323

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1324
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1325
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1326
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1327
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1328
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1329
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1330
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1331
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1332
division, who request the services. 1333

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1334
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1335
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1336
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1337
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1338
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1339
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1340
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1341
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1342
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1343
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1344
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1345
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1346
domestic relations division. 1347

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1348
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1349
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1350
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1351
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1352
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1353
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1354
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1355
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1356
division, who request the services. 1357

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1358
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1359
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1360
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1361
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1362
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1363
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1364

judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1365
legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1366
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1367
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1368
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1369
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1370
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1371
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1372
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1373
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1374
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1375
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1376
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1377

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1378
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1379
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1380
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1381
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1382
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1383
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1384
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1385
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1386
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1387
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1388
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1389
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1390
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1391
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1392
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1393

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1394
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1395

have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1396
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1397
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1398
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1399
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1400
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1401
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1402
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1403
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1404
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1405
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1406
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1407
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1408
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1409
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1410
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1411
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1412

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1413
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1414
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1415
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1416
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1417
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1418
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1419
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1420
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1421
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1422
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1423
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1424
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1425
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1426

an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1427

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1428
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1429
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1430
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1431
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1432
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1433
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1434
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1435
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1436
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1437
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1438
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1439
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1440
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1441
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1442
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1443
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1444
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1445
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1446

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1447
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1448
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1449
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1450
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1451
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1452
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1453
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1454
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1455
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1456
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1457

parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1458
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1459
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1460
pending in the division, who request the services. 1461

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1462
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1463
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1464
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1465
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1466
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1467
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1468
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1469
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1470
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1471
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1472
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1473
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1474
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1475
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1476
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1477
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1478
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1479
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1480
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1481
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1482
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 1483
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1484
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1485
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1486
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1487
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1488

action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1489
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1490
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1491
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1492
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1493
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1494
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1495

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 1496
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1497
division and with the employment and supervision of the 1498
personnel of the division. 1499

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1500
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1501
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1502
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1503
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1504
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1505
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1506
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1507
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1508
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1509
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1510
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1511
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1512
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1513
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1514
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1515
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1516
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1517
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1518
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1519

obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, 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 Clark county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division and the judges of the general division.

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge

of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 1551
children services board and the county advisory board. 1552

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1553
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1554
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1555
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1556
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1557
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1558
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1559
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1560
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1561
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1562
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1563
domestic relations of that court. 1564

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 1565
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1566
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1567
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1568
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1569
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1570
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1571
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1572
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1573
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, visitation, and 1577
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1578
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1579
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1580
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1581

work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1582
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, in 1587
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1588
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1589
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1590
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1591
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1592
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1593
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1594
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1595
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1596
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1597
pending in the division, who request the services. 1598

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1599
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1600
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1601
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1602
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1603
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1604
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1605
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1606
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1607
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1608
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1609
duties. 1610

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1611

pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1612
to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1613
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1614
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1615
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1616
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1617
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1618
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1619
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1620
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1621
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1622
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1623
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1624
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1625
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1626
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1627
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1628
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1629
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1630
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1631
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1632
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1633
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1634
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1635
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1636
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1637
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1638
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1639
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1640
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1641
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1642
(Z) (1) of this section. 1643

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

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

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 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 Muskingum county and shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1675
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1676
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1677
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1678
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1679
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1680
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1681
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1682
supervision of the personnel of the division. 1683

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1684
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1685
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1686
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1687
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1688
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1689
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1690
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1691
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1692
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1693
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1694
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1695
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1696
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1697
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1698

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1699
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1700
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1701
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1702
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1703
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1704
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1705

of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1706
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1707
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1708
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1709
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1710
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1711
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1712
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1713
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 1714
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1715
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1716
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1717
the court of common pleas. 1718

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1719
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1720
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1721
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1722
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1723
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1724
common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1725
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1726
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1727
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1728
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1729
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1730
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1731
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1732
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1733
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1734
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1735
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1736

and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1737
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1738
January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1739
county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1740
to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1741
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1742
addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1743
shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1744
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1745
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1746
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1747
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1748
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1749
(CC) (1) of this section. 1750

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1751
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1752
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who 1753
is elected as the administrative judge of the probate division 1754
of the court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 1755
of the Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the 1756
probate division and juvenile division of the court of common 1757
pleas of Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas 1758
who is elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code 1759
shall keep all of the journals, records, books, papers, and 1760
files pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 1761

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1762
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1763
or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1764
respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1765
probate division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1766
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1767

probate division" and the "judge of the domestic relations- 1768
juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 2005, all 1769
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1770
construed, with respect to Logan county, as being references to 1771
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this 1772
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1773
common pleas of Logan county. 1774

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1775
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1776
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1777
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1778
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1779
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1780
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1781
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1782
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1783
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1784
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1785
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1786
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1787
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1788
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1789
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1790
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1791
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1792
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1793
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1794
judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1795
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1796
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 1797
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1798

domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1799
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1800
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1801
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1802
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1803
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1804
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1805
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1806
section. 1807

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1808
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1809
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1810
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1811
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1812
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 1813
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1814
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1815
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1816
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1817
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1818
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 1819
probate division. 1820

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1821
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1822
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1823
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1824
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1825
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1826
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1827
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1828
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1829

paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1830
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1831
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 1832
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1833
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1834
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1835
of common pleas. 1836

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1837
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1838
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1839
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1840
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1841
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1842
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1843
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1844
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1845

Section 2. That existing sections 141.13, 141.16, 2151.07, 1846
2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1847

Section 3. Divisions (C), (D), and (E) of section 141.16 1848
of the Revised Code are hereby enacted under the authority 1849
granted the General Assembly under Section 6(C) of Article IV 1850
and Article II of the Ohio Constitution. This authority grants 1851
the General Assembly the ability to pass laws providing 1852
retirement benefits for judges. The purpose of the payments 1853
required under section 141.16 of the Revised Code is to ensure 1854
that retired assigned judges remain available for service to the 1855
state of Ohio in order to promote the effective administration 1856
of justice throughout the state. Given the unpredictable nature 1857
of case filings, the purpose of the section is to provide cost- 1858
effective means to address case-load surges and reduce case 1859

disposition delay that might otherwise require the addition of 1860
full-time sitting judges. 1861

Section 4. The Supreme Court may use appropriation item 1862
005321, Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court, to make 1863
payments to retired assigned judges as provided under division 1864
(C) of section 141.16 of the Revised Code as amended by this 1865
act. 1866

Section 5. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 1867
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 1868
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is the 1869
need to create a domestic relations division of the Delaware 1870
County Court of Common Pleas and to create a judgeship for that 1871
division in a timely fashion. Therefore, this act shall go into 1872
immediate effect. 1873