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

**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, Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955;	134 135 136
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 begin May 14, 1953;	162 163
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	164 165
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.	166 167 168
(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;	169 170 171 172
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;	173 174 175 176
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;	177 178 179
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;	180 181 182 183 184
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;	185 186 187 188
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	189

term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	190 191
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	192 193 194 195 196
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	197 198 199
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	200 201 202
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	203 204 205 206
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	207 208 209 210
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to begin on January 1, 1971;	211 212 213
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to begin January 2, 2003;	214 215 216 217

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 457  
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 458  
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 459  
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 460  
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 461  
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 462

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 463  
begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 464  
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 465  
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 466  
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 467  
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 468  
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 469  
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 470  
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 471  
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 472  
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 473  
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 474  
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 475  
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 476  
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 477  
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 478  
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 479  
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 480  
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 481  
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 482  
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 483  
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 484  
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 485  
year. 486

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 487

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 1644  
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1645  
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1646  
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1647  
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1648  
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1649  
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1650  
pleas of Marion county. 1651

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1652  
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1653  
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1654  
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1655  
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1656  
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1657  
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1658  
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1659  
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1660  
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1661  
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1662  
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1663  
common pleas of Marion county. 1664

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1665  
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1666  
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1667  
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1668  
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1669  
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1670  
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1671  
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1672  
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1673  
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1674

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