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To amend sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 and 1
to enact section 2101.025 of the Revised Code to 2
create a Domestic Relations-Juvenile-Probate 3
Division of the Champaign County Court of Common 4
Pleas, to designate the Champaign County Probate 5
and Juvenile Judge as a judge of that division, 6
and to add a judge to that division to be elected 7
in 2008. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 be 9
amended and section 2101.025 of the Revised Code be enacted to 10
read as follows: 11

Sec. 2101.025. Effective February 9, 2009, the probate judge 12
of the court of common pleas of Champaign county shall have all 13
the powers relating to the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 14
division of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, as 15
established pursuant to division (DD)(1) of section 2301.03 of the 16
Revised Code, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the 17
judges of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of the 18

court of common pleas of Champaign county over matters that are 19
within the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 20
division, as set forth in division (DD)(1) of section 2301.03 of 21
the Revised Code. 22

Sec. 2151.07. The juvenile court is a court of record within 23
the court of common pleas. The juvenile court has and shall 24
exercise the powers and jurisdiction conferred in Chapters 2151. 25
and 2152. of the Revised Code. 26

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, is 27
absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 28
volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the request 29
of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding judge of the 30
court of common pleas pursuant to division ~~(DD)~~(EE) of section 31
2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge of any division 32
of the court of common pleas of the county to act in the juvenile 33
judge's place or in conjunction with the juvenile judge. If no 34
judge of the court of common pleas is available for that purpose, 35
the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign a judge of the 36
court of common pleas, a juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a 37
different county to act in the place of that juvenile judge or in 38
conjunction with that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall 39
receive the compensation and expenses for so serving that is 40
provided by law for judges assigned to hold court in courts of 41
common pleas. 42

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common 43
pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 44
judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 45
shall be as follows: 46

(A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one judge, 47
elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 48

In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan,	49
Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term	50
to begin February 9, 1955;	51
In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to	52
begin January 9, 1957;	53
In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin,	54
Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and	55
Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to begin	56
January 1, 1957;	57
In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	58
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, term to	59
begin January 1, 2007;	60
In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	61
to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to	62
begin January 2, 2005;	63
In Carroll, Champaign , Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway,	64
Preble, Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be	65
elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953;	66
<u>In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,</u>	67
<u>term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 2008, term</u>	68
<u>to begin February 10, 2009.</u>	69
In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected in	70
1954, term to begin April 18, 1955;	71
In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	72
to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin	73
January 1, 2005;	74
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to	75
begin May 9, 1957;	76
In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	77
begin May 14, 1953;	78

In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to begin July 6, 1956;	79 80
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;	81 82 83
(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;	84 85 86 87
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;	88 89 90 91
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;	92 93 94
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;	95 96 97 98 99
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;	100 101 102 103
In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 6, 1977;	104 105 106
In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	107 108

term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978,	109
term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in	110
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	111
In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	112
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in	113
1978, term to begin January 1, 1979;	114
In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	115
term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in	116
1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;	117
In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952,	118
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976,	119
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in	120
1998, term to begin February 9, 1999;	121
In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	122
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966,	123
term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in	124
1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;	125
In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term	126
to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to	127
begin on January 1, 1971;	128
In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968,	129
term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, term to	130
begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, term to	131
begin January 2, 2003;	132
In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956,	133
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960,	134
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in	135
1986, term to begin January 2, 1987;	136
In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	137
to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976,	138

term to begin January 1, 1977;	139
In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954,	140
term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960,	141
term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in	142
1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;	143
In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term	144
to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1986,	145
term to begin January 2, 1987;	146
In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954,	147
term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 1970,	148
term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 1986,	149
term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in	150
2004, term to begin January 2, 2005;	151
In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952,	152
term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 1986, term	153
to begin January 1, 1987;	154
In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, term	155
beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 1970, term	156
to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected in 1990,	157
term to begin January 1, 1991;	158
In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be elected	159
in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955,	160
respectively;	161
In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, term	162
to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, term	163
to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, term to	164
begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term	165
to begin January 2, 1995.	166
In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 1956,	167
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1964,	168

term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in 1982, 169
term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in 1986, 170
term to begin January 2, 1987; and the fifth to be elected in 171
2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 172

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 173
term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 174
1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 175

In Delaware county, two judges, one to be elected in 1990, 176
term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected in 1994, 177
term to begin January 1, 1995; 178

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, term 179
to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, term 180
to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, term to 181
begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be elected in 1978, 182
terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 1979, respectively, 183
and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to begin January 6, 184
2001; 185

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 186
term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term to 187
begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to begin 188
January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to begin 189
January 1, 2005; 190

In Lorain county, ten judges, two to be elected in 1952, 191
terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, respectively, 192
one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 3, 1959, one to 193
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 1969, two to be 194
elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, and January 5, 195
1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, terms to begin 196
January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, respectively; one to be 197
elected in 2006, term to begin January 6, 2007; and one to be 198
elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009, as described in 199

division (C)(1)(c) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code; 200

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 1956, 201
term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, terms to 202
begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; one to 203
be elected in 1968, term to begin January 2, 1969; one to be 204
elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 1987; two to be elected 205
in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, and January 2, 1989, 206
respectively; one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 4, 207
1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms to begin January 2, 2003, 208
and January 3, 2003, respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, 209
term to begin January 3, 2007; 210

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, 211
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, 212
term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 1968, 213
term to begin January 2, 1969, and the fourth to be elected in 214
2004, term to begin January 3, 2005; 215

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 216
term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 217
1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 218

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term 219
beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, term to 220
begin January 2, 1969; 221

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 222
term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 223
term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 224
term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 225
term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 226
term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 227
1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 228

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 229
elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning from 230

January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 231
respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 232
successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 233
1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 1, 234
1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 235
begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 236
to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and January 237
5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin on 238
January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms to begin on 239
successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to January 12, 240
1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on January 18, 241
1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be elected in 242
1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning January 6, 1977, 243
to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, terms to begin 244
January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, respectively; and two to 245
be elected in 1986, terms to begin January 13, 1987, and January 246
14, 1987, respectively; 247

In Franklin county, twenty-two judges; two to be elected in 248
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 249
respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 250
1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms to 251
begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be elected in 252
1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 1969; three to 253
be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 254
January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be elected in 1982, 255
term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be elected in 1986, term to 256
begin January 9, 1987; two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin 257
July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, respectively; one to be elected in 258
1996, term to begin January 2, 1997; and one to be elected in 259
2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 260

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected in 261
1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and from 262

February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five to be 263
elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to January 264
5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 1, 1965; 265
one to be elected in 1974, term to begin January 15, 1975; one to 266
be elected in 1980, term to begin January 16, 1981; two to be 267
elected at large in the general election in 1982, terms to begin 268
April 1, 1983; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 269
1991; and two to be elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 270
1997, and January 4, 1997, respectively; 271

In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 1954, 272
terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 273
respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 1, 274
1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected in 275
1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 276
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 277
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 1969; 278
two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, and 279
January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, term to 280
begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term to begin 281
January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin January 282
2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 2, 283
1993; 284

In Mahoning county, seven judges; three to be elected in 285
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 286
February 9, 1955, respectively; one to be elected in 1956, term to 287
begin January 1, 1957; one to be elected in 1952, term to begin 288
January 1, 1953; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 289
2, 1969; and one to be elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 290
1991; 291

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected in 292
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and January 293
3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms to begin 294

January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and July 2, 1953, 295
respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 3, 296
1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 3, 1969; 297
three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days 298
beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; two to be elected 299
in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 300
respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 301
1, 1993. 302

In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 303
term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, terms 304
to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; 305
two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and 306
April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to 307
begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 1992, terms to 308
begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, respectively; 309

In Summit county, thirteen judges; four to be elected in 310
1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, January 3, 311
1955, and February 9, 1955, respectively; three to be elected in 312
1958, terms to begin January 1, 1959, January 2, 1959, and May 17, 313
1959, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term to begin 314
January 4, 1967; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 315
5, 1969; one to be elected in 1990, term to begin May 1, 1991; one 316
to be elected in 1992, term to begin January 6, 1993; and two to 317
be elected in 2008, terms to begin January 5, 2009, and January 6, 318
2009, respectively. 319

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 320
having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 321
more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously elected 322
at the same election, if the office of one of those judges so 323
elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to the second 324
general election preceding the expiration of that judge's term, 325
the office that that judge had filled shall be abolished as of the 326

date of the next general election, and a new office of judge of 327
the court of common pleas shall be created. The judge who is to 328
fill that new office shall be elected for a six-year term at the 329
next general election, and the term of that judge shall commence 330
on the first day of the year following that general election, on 331
which day no other judge's term begins, so that the number of 332
judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced. 333

Judges of the probate division of the court of common pleas 334
are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be elected 335
pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised Code, 336
except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and Wyandot 337
counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas elected 338
pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of the probate 339
division, except in Lorain county in which the judges of the 340
domestic relations division of the Lorain county court of common 341
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 342
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division, and 343
except in Morrow county in which the judges of the court of common 344
pleas elected pursuant to this section also shall perform the 345
duties and functions of the judge of the probate division. 346

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the court 347
of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 348
1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1997, and 349
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 350
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 351
other judges of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and 352
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 353
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 354
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 355
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 356
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 357
court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 358

legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 359
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is senior 360
in point of service shall serve on the children services board and 361
the county advisory board and shall be the administrator of the 362
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments. 363
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(B) In Hamilton county: 365

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term begins 366
on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the court of 367
common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, and 368
successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 369
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 370
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 371

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 372
on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, and 373
successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 374
of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall have 375
assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 376
separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. On or 377
after the first day of July and before the first day of August of 378
1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the judges of the 379
division of domestic relations shall elect one of the judges of 380
the division as administrative judge of that division. If a 381
majority of the judges of the division of domestic relations are 382
unable for any reason to elect an administrative judge for the 383
division before the first day of August, a majority of the judges 384
of the Hamilton county court of common pleas, as soon as possible 385
after that date, shall elect one of the judges of the division of 386
domestic relations as administrative judge of that division. The 387
term of the administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the 388
first day of August of the year in which the administrative judge 389
is elected or the date on which the administrative judge is 390

elected by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court 391
of common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 392
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following year. 393

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the administrative 394
judge of the division of domestic relations shall be the 395
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 396
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 397
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 398
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 399
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 400
including any referees considered necessary by the judges in the 401
discharge of their various duties. 402

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 403
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 404
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 405
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 406
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 407
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall include 408
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution 409
of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 410
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 411
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 412
action pending in the division. 413

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the sum 414
of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of 415
the division of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses 416
of the domestic relations judges and the division counselors and 417
other employees designated to conduct the handling, servicing, and 418
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 419
separation, and annulment cases, conciliation and counseling, and 420
all matters relating to those cases and counseling, and the 421
expenses involved in the attendance of division personnel at 422

domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by the 423
division, and the further sum each year as will provide for the 424
adequate operation of the division of domestic relations. 425

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary 426
and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county treasurer 427
from the money appropriated for the operation of the division, 428
upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the 429
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations. 430

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 431
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or staff 432
investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any county or 433
any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the provisions of 434
law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in other cases shall 435
apply insofar as they are applicable. When a summons, warrant, 436
citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to an officer, other 437
than a bailiff, constable, or staff investigator of the division, 438
the expense of serving it shall be assessed as a part of the costs 439
in the case involved. 440

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county 441
whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successor to that 442
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall each be elected 443
and designated for one term only as the drug court judge of the 444
court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The successors to the 445
judge whose term begins on January 3, 2003, shall be elected and 446
designated as judges of the general division of the court of 447
common pleas of Hamilton county and shall not have the authority 448
granted by division (B)(3) of this section. The drug court judge 449
may accept or reject any case referred to the drug court judge 450
under division (B)(3) of this section. After the drug court judge 451
accepts a referred case, the drug court judge has full authority 452
over the case, including the authority to conduct arraignment, 453
accept pleas, enter findings and dispositions, conduct trials, 454

order treatment, and if treatment is not successfully completed 455
pronounce and enter sentence. 456

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 457
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 458
court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and any 459
companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria described 460
under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If the drug 461
court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the case, and any 462
companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug court judge. A 463
judge may refer a case meeting the criteria described in divisions 464
(B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that involves a violation of a 465
condition of a community control sanction to the drug court judge, 466
and, if the drug court judge accepts the referral, the referring 467
judge and the drug court judge have concurrent jurisdiction over 468
the case. 469

A judge of the general division of the court of common pleas 470
of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county municipal 471
court may refer a case to the drug court judge under division 472
(B)(3) of this section if the judge determines that both of the 473
following apply: 474

(a) One of the following applies: 475

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 476
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third 477
or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 478
1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 479
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 480

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in section 481
2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the third or 482
fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1, 1996, a 483
felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the offense is 484
committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, and the 485

defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of becoming	486
drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment.	487
(b) All of the following apply:	488
(i) The case involves an offense for which a community	489
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a mandatory	490
prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required to be	491
imposed.	492
(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	493
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	494
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is	495
drug or alcohol driven.	496
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to	497
participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	498
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	499
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor	500
approves of the referral.	501
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas	502
of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending	503
before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient	504
caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in	505
accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common	506
Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from	507
the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the	508
administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the	509
administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending	510
before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for	511
the drug court judge.	512
(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community	513
control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail	514
term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised	515

Code.	516
(C)(1) In Lorain county:	517
(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin	518
on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, January 2, 1999, and February	519
9, 2009, and successors, shall have the same qualifications,	520
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same	521
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of	522
Lorain county and shall be elected and designated as the judges of	523
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They	524
shall have all of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all	525
cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all	526
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has	527
jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal	528
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except	529
cases that for some special reason are assigned to some other	530
judge of the court of common pleas.	531
(b) On and after January 1, 2006, the judges of the court of	532
common pleas, division of domestic relations, in addition to the	533
powers and jurisdiction set forth in division (C)(1)(a) of this	534
section, shall have jurisdiction over matters that are within the	535
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101. and other	536
provisions of the Revised Code. From January 1, 2006, through	537
February 8, 2009, the judges of the court of common pleas,	538
division of domestic relations, shall exercise probate	539
jurisdiction concurrently with the probate judge.	540
(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of	541
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is the	542
successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a term	543
that began on February 9, 2003.	544
(2)(a) From January 1, 2006, through February 8, 2009, with	545
respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the probate	546

court shall be construed as references to both the probate court 547
and the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and 548
all references in law to the probate judge shall be construed as 549
references to both the probate judge and the judges of the court 550
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. On and after 551
February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain county, all references in 552
law to the probate court shall be construed as references to the 553
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all 554
references to the probate judge shall be construed as references 555
to the judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 556
relations. 557

(b) On and after February 9, 2009, with respect to Lorain 558
county, all references in law to the clerk of the probate court 559
shall be construed as references to the judge who is serving 560
pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts 561
of Ohio as the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, 562
division of domestic relations. 563

(D) In Lucas county: 564

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

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 579
on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have 580
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 581
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 582
the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected and 583
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 584
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 585
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 586
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 587
judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 588
juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 589
administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 590
departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 591
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 592
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 593
any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division in 594
the discharge of their various duties. 595

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 596
senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 597
compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and 598
vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties 599
of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 600
addition to other statutory duties include the handling, 601
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and 602
conciliation services that may be made available to persons 603
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 604
action pending in the division. 605

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 606
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 607
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 608
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 609
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed by 610

the judges of the other of those divisions. 611

(E) In Mahoning county: 612

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began 640
on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 641
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 642

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

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

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

(F) In Montgomery county: 671

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 672
on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall 673
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 674

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 675
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 676
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 677
division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 678
to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 679
and annulment cases. 680

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 681
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment 682
and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of 683
the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division 684
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 685
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 686
including any necessary referees, except those employees who may 687
be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this 688
section and sections 2301.12, 2301.18, and 2301.19 of the Revised 689
Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 690
point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, 691
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 692
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 693

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 694
on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 695
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 696
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 697
the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be elected 698
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 699
division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, 700
the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 701
Revised Code. 702

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 703
court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 704
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 705
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 706

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

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, division 719
of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the court of common 720
pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform 721
that judge's duties or the volume of cases pending in that judge's 722
division necessitates it, the duties of that judge may be 723
performed by the judge or judges of the other of those divisions. 724

(G) In Richland county: 725

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 726
on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 727
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 728
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 729
common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 730
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 731
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 732
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 733
cases, all domestic violence cases arising under section 3113.31 734
of the Revised Code, and all post-decree proceedings arising from 735
any case pertaining to any of those matters. The division of 736
domestic relations has concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile 737
division of the court of common pleas of Richland county to 738

determine the care, custody, or control of any child not a ward of 739
another court of this state, and to hear and determine a request 740
for an order for the support of any child if the request is not 741
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 742
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 743
involving an allegation of domestic violence, or an action for 744
support brought under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in 745
cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of 746
the juvenile court, the judge of the division of domestic 747
relations shall be assigned and hear all cases pertaining to 748
paternity or parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, 749
parenting time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of 750
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 751
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 752
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 753
act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 754
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of 755
those matters. 756

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 757
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall be 758
the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 759
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 760
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 761
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 762
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 763
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 764
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 765
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 766
shall fix their duties. 767

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 768
on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 769
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 770

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

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of the 788
juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 789
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 790
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 791
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 792
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 793
magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge 794
of the judge's various duties. 795

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate the 796
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 797
and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 798
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 799
statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 800
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 801
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 802

available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an 803
action pending in the court, who request the services. 804

(H) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common pleas 805
whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and January 806
1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 807
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 808
compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Stark 809
county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court 810
of common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 811
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 812
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 813
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 814
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 815
annulment cases, except cases that are assigned to some other 816
judge of the court of common pleas for some special reason, shall 817
be assigned to the judges. 818

The judge of the division of domestic relations, second most 819
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 820
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 821
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 822
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 823
referees required for the judge's respective court. 824

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 825
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 826
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 2152.71 827
of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division of the 828
work of the division and the employment and supervision of all 829
other personnel of the division, including, but not limited to, 830
that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those employees who 831
may be appointed by the judge second most senior in point of 832
service. The senior judge further shall serve in every other 833
position in which the statutes permit or require a juvenile judge 834

to serve. 835

(I) In Summit county: 836

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 837
on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, shall 838
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 839
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 840
the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be elected 841
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 842
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 843
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all divorce, 844
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 845
that come before the court. Except in cases that are subject to 846
the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the 847
judges of the division of domestic relations shall have assigned 848
to them and hear all cases pertaining to paternity, custody, 849
visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental rights 850
and responsibilities for the care of children and all post-decree 851
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 852
matters. The judges of the division of domestic relations shall 853
have assigned to them and hear all proceedings under the uniform 854
interstate family support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the 855
Revised Code. 856

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 857
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 858
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 859
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 860
personnel of the division, including any necessary referees, who 861
are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 862
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 863
That judge also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 864
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 865
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 866

of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 867
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 868
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 869
of any counseling and conciliation services that are available 870
upon request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 871
action pending in the division. 872

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 873
on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 874
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 875
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 876
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated as 877
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 878
be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as 879
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. Except 880
in cases that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction 881
of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile division shall 882
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 883
assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, custody, visitation, 884
child support, or the allocation of parental rights and 885
responsibilities for the care of children or any post-decree 886
proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any of those 887
matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not have 888
jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be assigned, any 889
proceeding under the uniform interstate family support act 890
contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 891

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the juvenile 892
division and its subdivisions and departments and shall have 893
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 894
personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 895
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 896
juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the title, 897
compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and 898

vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 899
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 900
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 901
investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 902
conciliation services that are available upon request to persons, 903
whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the 904
division. 905

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 906
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 907
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 908
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 909
other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county and 910
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 911
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 912
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 913
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings 914
over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 915
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 916
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 917
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 918
pleas. 919

(K) In Butler county: 920

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 921
on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, shall 922
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 923
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 924
the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be elected 925
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of 926
domestic relations. The judges of the division of domestic 927
relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of 928
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 929
court, except in cases that for some special reason are assigned 930

to some other judge of the court of common pleas. The judge senior 931
in point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 932
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 933
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 934
division. 935

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate the 936
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, 937
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 938
duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other 939
statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, and 940
investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 941
separation, and annulment cases and providing any counseling and 942
conciliation services that the division makes available to 943
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 944
pending in the division, who request the services. 945

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin 946
on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 947
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 948
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 949
the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected and 950
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 951
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in Chapters 952
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and 953
jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 954
of common pleas, juvenile division, who is senior in point of 955
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 956
its subdivisions and departments. The judge, senior in point of 957
service, shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 958
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 959
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 960
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 961
discharge of the judge's various duties. 962

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate 963
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 964
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 965
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 966
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 967
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling and 968
conciliation services that the division makes available to 969
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 970
pending in the division, who request the services. 971

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 972
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 973
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 974
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 975
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 976
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 977

(L)(1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of common 978
pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1961, 979
January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, and 980
successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 981
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 982
other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county and 983
shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common 984
pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have all the 985
powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 986
separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are assigned 987
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some special 988
reason. 989

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the domestic 990
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and has 991
the following powers concerning division personnel: 992

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 993
supervision; 994

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 995
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 996

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or referees 997
engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, counseling, or 998
conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation 999
and annulment matters. 1000

(M) In Lake county: 1001

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1002
on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1003
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1004
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1005
common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and designated as 1006
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1007
relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1008
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1009
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1010
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1011
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1012
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1013
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1014
division. 1015

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1016
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1017
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1018
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1019
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1020
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1021
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1022
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1023
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1024
services. 1025

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1026
on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1027
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1028
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1029
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1030
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1031
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1032
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1033
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1034
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1035
its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of 1036
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1037
the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1038
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1039
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1040
duties. 1041

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1042
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1043
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1044
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1045
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1046
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1047
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1048
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1049
services. 1050

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1051
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1052
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1053
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the duties 1054
of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of the 1055
domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1056

(N) In Erie county: 1057

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1058
on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge whose terms 1059
begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same qualifications, 1060
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1061
compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of 1062
Erie county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the 1063
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge 1064
shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and shall 1065
be assigned all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1066
Revised Code, parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court 1067
has jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1068
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that for some 1069
special reason are assigned to some other judge. 1070

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of common 1071
pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to the judge 1072
of the domestic relations division whose term expires on January 1073
1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of common 1074
pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge as 1075
provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the 1076
powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1077

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, 1078
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, the judge of 1079
the court of common pleas, general division whose term begins on 1080
January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of the court of 1081
common pleas, general division, whose term begins February 9, 1082
2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, in addition to 1083
all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general 1084
division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, dissolution of 1085
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1086
court, and all matters that are within the jurisdiction of the 1087
probate court under Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the 1088
Revised Code. 1089

(0) In Greene county: 1090

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1091
on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1092
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1093
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1094
common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and designated 1095
as the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1096
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1097
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support 1098
enforcement, and domestic violence cases and all other cases 1099
related to domestic relations, except cases that for some special 1100
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1101
pleas. 1102

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1103
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1104
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge also 1105
shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, 1106
and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their 1107
duties. The duties of the personnel of the division, in addition 1108
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1109
and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1110
separation, and annulment cases and the provision of counseling 1111
and conciliation services that the division considers necessary 1112
and makes available to persons who request the services, whether 1113
or not the persons are parties in an action pending in the 1114
division. The compensation for the personnel shall be paid from 1115
the overall court budget and shall be included in the 1116
appropriations for the existing judges of the general division of 1117
the court of common pleas. 1118

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins 1119
on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1120
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1121

receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court of 1122
common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and designated as 1123
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and, on or 1124
after January 1, 1995, shall be the juvenile judge as provided in 1125
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 1126
jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. The judge of the court 1127
of common pleas, juvenile division, shall be the administrator of 1128
the juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1129
judge shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and 1130
supervision of the personnel of the juvenile division who are 1131
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, 1132
including any referees whom the judge considers necessary for the 1133
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1134

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1135
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the 1136
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1137
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, include 1138
the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 1139
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the court 1140
makes available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties 1141
to an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1142

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1143
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1144
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1145
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of the 1146
general division shall be performed by the judge of the division 1147
of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile division. 1148

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1149
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1150
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1151
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1152
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall be 1153

elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1154
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1155
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1156
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1157
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1158
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1159
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1160
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1161
division. 1162

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1163
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1164
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1165
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1166
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1167
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1168
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1169
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1170
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1171
services. 1172

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1173
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1174
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1175
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1176
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1177
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1178
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1179
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1180
cases coming before the court, except in cases that for some 1181
special reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of 1182
common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1183
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1184
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1185

division. 1186

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1187
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1188
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1189
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1190
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1191
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1192
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1193
division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1194
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1195
services. 1196

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1197
whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall have the 1198
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1199
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1200
of common pleas of Warren county and shall be elected and 1201
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1202
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1203
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1204
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1205
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1206
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and division 1207
of the work of the division and with the employment and 1208
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1209
division. 1210

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1211
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1212
personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The duties 1213
of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, shall 1214
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1215
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and 1216
providing any counseling and conciliation services that the 1217

division makes available to persons, whether or not the persons 1218
are parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1219
services. 1220

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1221
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2005, 1222
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1223
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as 1224
the other judges of the court of common pleas of Licking county 1225
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1226
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judges shall be 1227
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1228
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1229
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1230
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1231
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1232
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1233
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1234
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1235
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1236
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1237
be charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1238
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1239
of the division. 1240

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1241
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1242
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1243
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1244
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1245
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1246
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1247
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1248
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1249

child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1250
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1251
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1252
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1253
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1254
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1255
pending in the division, who request the services. 1256

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common pleas, 1257
whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the 1258
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1259
and receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1260
of common pleas of Allen county and shall be elected and 1261
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1262
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1263
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1264
all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1265
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1266
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1267
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1268
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1269
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1270
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1271
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be 1272
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 1273
division and with the employment and supervision of the personnel 1274
of the division. 1275

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1276
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1277
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1278
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1279
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1280
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1281

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1282
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1283
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1284
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1285
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1286
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1287
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1288
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1289
pending in the division, who request the services. 1290

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1291
whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1292
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1293
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1294
common pleas of Medina county and shall be elected and designated 1295
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1296
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1297
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1298
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1299
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1300
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1301
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1302
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1303
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1304
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1305
of the court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1306
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1307
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1308

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1309
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1310
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1311
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1312
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1313

servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1314
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1315
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1316
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1317
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1318
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1319
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1320
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1321
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1322
request the services. 1323

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1324
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1325
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1326
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1327
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and shall 1328
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1329
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1330
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment 1331
cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, 1332
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1333
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children and 1334
the designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1335
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree 1336
proceedings and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, 1337
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to 1338
another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge also has 1339
concurrent jurisdiction with the probate-juvenile division of the 1340
court of common pleas of Fairfield county with respect to and may 1341
hear cases to determine the custody of a child, as defined in 1342
section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1343
another court of this state, cases that are commenced by a parent, 1344
guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 1345
of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the 1346

child to pay child support for that child when the request for 1347
that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution 1348
of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1349
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1350
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action that 1351
is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1352
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1353
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child is 1354
an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1355
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1356

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be charged 1357
with the assignment and division of the work of the division and 1358
with the employment and supervision of the personnel of the 1359
division. 1360

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1361
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1362
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1363
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1364
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1365
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1366
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1367
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1368
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1369
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1370
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1371
parenting time, and visitation, and providing any counseling and 1372
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1373
persons, regardless of whether the persons are parties to an 1374
action pending in the division, who request the services. When the 1375
judge hears a case to determine the custody of a child, as defined 1376
in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, who is not the ward of 1377
another court of this state or a case that is commenced by a 1378

parent, guardian, or custodian of a child, as defined in section 1379
2151.011 of the Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a 1380
parent of the child to pay child support for that child when the 1381
request for that order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1382
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a 1383
criminal or civil action involving an allegation of domestic 1384
violence, an action for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised 1385
Code, or an action that is within the exclusive original 1386
jurisdiction of the probate-juvenile division of the court of 1387
common pleas of Fairfield county and that involves an allegation 1388
that the child is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the 1389
duties of the personnel of the domestic relations division also 1390
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of those types 1391
of cases. 1392

(W)(1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 1393
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1394
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1395
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of 1396
the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be elected and 1397
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1398
relations division. The judge shall have all the powers relating 1399
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1400
of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings under Chapter 1401
3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court has 1402
jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the division of 1403
domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1404
separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal support enforcement, and 1405
other cases related to domestic relations shall be assigned to the 1406
domestic relations division, and the presiding judge of the court 1407
of common pleas shall assign the cases to the judge of the 1408
domestic relations division and the judges of the general 1409
division. 1410

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1411
the division of domestic relations shall serve on the children 1412
services board and the county advisory board. 1413

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1414
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or unable 1415
to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the presiding judge 1416
of the court of common pleas of Clark county determines that the 1417
volume of cases pending in the division of domestic relations 1418
necessitates it, the duties of the judge of the division of 1419
domestic relations shall be performed by the judges of the general 1420
division or probate division of the court of common pleas of Clark 1421
county, as assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of 1422
that court, and the judges so assigned shall act in conjunction 1423
with the judge of the division of domestic relations of that 1424
court. 1425

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1426
whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall have the 1427
same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, 1428
and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1429
common pleas of Scioto county and shall be elected and designated 1430
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1431
relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1432
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising 1433
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1434
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1435
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1436
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1437
parenting time, visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and 1438
matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in cases 1439
that for some special reason are assigned to another judge of the 1440
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1441
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1442

employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1443

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1444
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1445
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1446
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1447
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1448
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1449
legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising under Chapter 1450
3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving child 1451
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1452
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1453
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1454
visitation, and providing counseling and conciliation services 1455
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1456
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1457
request the services. 1458

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and juvenile 1459
divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas also shall 1460
be the administrative judge of the domestic relations division of 1461
the court and shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of 1462
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the 1463
court. The judge shall have all powers as administrator of the 1464
domestic relations division and shall have charge of the personnel 1465
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, 1466
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1467
including any referees considered necessary for the discharge of 1468
the judge's various duties. 1469

(Z)(1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1470
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1471
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1472
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1473
other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion county and 1474

shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1475
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1476
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1477
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1478
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1479
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1480
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1481
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1482
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1483
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1484
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1485
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1486
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1487
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1488
(Z)(2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of 1489
any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2003, 1490
the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county whose term 1491
begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to that judge, 1492
shall have all the powers relating to the probate division of the 1493
court of common pleas of Marion county in addition to the powers 1494
previously specified in this division, and shall exercise 1495
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1496
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1497
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1498
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1499
the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1500
otherwise specified in division (Z)(1) of this section. 1501

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1502
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1503
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1504
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total length 1505
of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1506
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve as 1507

the clerk of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1508
Marion county. 1509

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law to 1510
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1511
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1512
to Marion county, as being references to both "the probate 1513
division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1514
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1515
division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 1516
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1517
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1518
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1519
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 1520
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 1521
common pleas of Marion county. 1522

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1523
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, shall 1524
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1525
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1526
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and shall 1527
be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1528
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned 1529
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1530
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1531
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1532
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of 1533
children and the designation for the children of a place of 1534
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and 1535
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1536
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason are 1537
assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The judge 1538
shall be charged with the assignment and division of the work of 1539

the division and with the employment and supervision of the 1540
personnel of the division. 1541

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1542
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1543
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1544
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1545
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include the 1546
handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1547
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1548
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings involving 1549
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1550
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1551
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1552
parenting time, and visitation and providing any counseling and 1553
conciliation services that the division makes available to 1554
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1555
pending in the division, who request the services. 1556

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common pleas 1557
whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, shall have 1558
the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1559
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge 1560
of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be elected 1561
and designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1562
of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1563
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. or 1564
2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising under 1565
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1566
has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1567
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1568
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1569
for the care of children and the designation for the children of a 1570
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1571

visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1572
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, 1573
except in cases that for some special reason are assigned to the 1574
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1575

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1576
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1577
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same 1578
powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the 1579
other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county and 1580
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1581
pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as 1582
otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and the 1583
successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to 1584
juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1585
the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1586
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1587
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1588
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1589
for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1590
place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1591
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1592
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1593
and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1594
provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after January 1595
2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1596
whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors to that 1597
judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate division 1598
of the court of common pleas of Logan county in addition to the 1599
powers previously specified in this division and shall exercise 1600
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division of 1601
that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1602
the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and other 1603
provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the jurisdiction of 1604

the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division of that court 1605
otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this section. 1606

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1607
division of the court of common pleas of Logan county or the 1608
probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county who is 1609
elected as the administrative judge of the probate division of the 1610
court of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the 1611
Rules of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the probate 1612
division and juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1613
Logan county. The clerk of the court of common pleas who is 1614
elected pursuant to section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep 1615
all of the journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining 1616
to the domestic relations cases. 1617

(3) On and after January 2, 2005, all references in law to 1618
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1619
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect 1620
to Logan county, as being references to both "the probate 1621
division" and the "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 1622
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 1623
division" and the "judge of the domestic 1624
relations-juvenile-probate division." On and after January 2, 1625
2005, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1626
shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1627
references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division 1628
(CC)(2) of this section as the clerk of the probate division of 1629
the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1630

(DD)(1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of common 1631
pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge of the 1632
court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2009, and the 1633
successors to those judges, shall have the same qualifications, 1634
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1635
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1636

Champaign county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1637
the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1638
division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, those 1639
judges, and the successors to those judges, shall have all the 1640
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 1641
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under 1642
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of 1643
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings 1644
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1645
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation for 1646
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1647
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1648
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be 1649
assigned to those judges and the successors to those judges. 1650
Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the Revised 1651
Code, on and after February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this 1652
division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign 1653
county, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the 1654
successors to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to 1655
probate courts in addition to the powers previously specified in 1656
this division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters 1657
that are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1658
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1659
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1660
division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this section. 1661

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to 1662
"the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or 1663
"the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed with respect 1664
to Champaign county as being references to the "domestic 1665
relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being references to 1666
the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate division." 1667
On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law to "the clerk 1668
of the probate court" shall be construed with respect to Champaign 1669

county as being references to the judge who is serving pursuant to 1670
Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as 1671
the administrative judge of the court of common pleas, domestic 1672
relations-juvenile-probate division. 1673

(EE) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1674
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1675
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1676
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1677
judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge shall 1678
be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas of that 1679
county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge of the 1680
court of common pleas of that county to act in place of or in 1681
conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1682

Section 2. That existing sections 2151.07, 2301.02, and 1683
2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1684